



Terrorists don't bring their families with them. These were ordinary, desperate people'

# The nation of fear where thousands just want to leave

THE fact that the hijackers were prepared to risk years in a British jail to escape Saddam Hussein's regime will focus international attention on the plight of millions of Iraqis left behind in the "republic of fear".

More than a million of Iraq's 22 million people are already in exile — and more would leave if they could. An Iraqi businessman in Cyprus: "I think everyone would go but Saddam's family, who live a life of wonderful luxury."

"We have become absolutely desperate. There is no hope. On the one hand we have Saddam, on the other this collective punishment called sanctions that are meant to get rid of him."

Iraq once had a flourishing arts scene and an enviable welfare system funded by huge oil wealth. It has become a pariah state: a monarchy in republican garb, with the leader's cruel sons vying to be heir apparent in case their father falls victim to an assassin's bullet. The situation was

memorably put by Raed Ahmed, the Iraqi Olympic weightlifter who defected in Atlanta.

He accused Saddam and his Armani-suited sons, Uday and Qusay, of turning Iraq into a concentration camp.

Six years of crippling trade sanctions have impoverished the middle classes, caused widespread malnutrition, and spawned a crime wave that the authorities are combating with Draconian punishments, including mutilations and executions. Saddam has squandered millions on building palaces while his ever-shrinking inner circle have made fortunes by cornering the black market.

The embargo, and the vigilance of United Nations weapons inspectors, have weakened Saddam, whose pampered security services have become ever more ruthless to maintain his grip on power. But his squabbling

opponents, often divided along ethnic and religious lines and exploited by rival regional powers, are even weaker.

Fratricidal fighting has again erupted between the two main Kurdish factions sheltering in a Western-protected safe haven in northern Iraq, which was meant to become the springboard for a concerted opposition.

Several failed coup attempts have been followed by widespread torture and bloody purges. More than 100 officers, including generals and brigadiers, were executed after the most recent coup attempt last month.

Earlier this month, three United States government agencies agreed that Saddam was facing increasing disaffection, but only the CIA believed he may not last another year in power. The CIA saw no immediate threats to Saddam, but reported change could come suddenly and violently, as it has throughout Iraq's history. For many Iraqis, that was wishful thinking and confirmed that Washington has no real policy to remove their tormentor.

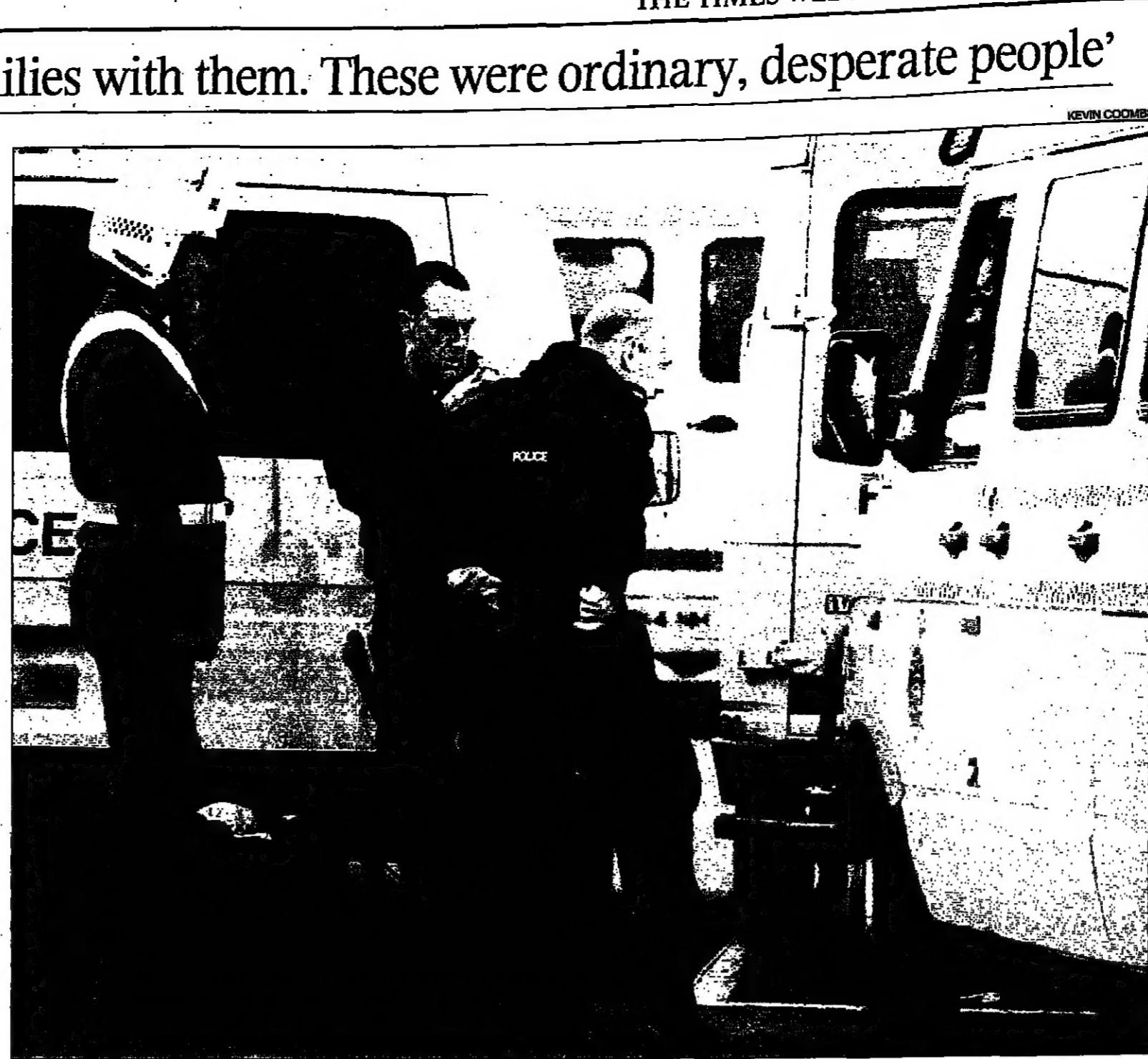
"How can we believe the West really wants to get rid of Saddam when all we see are European and even American businessmen flocking to Iraq to line up deals once the sanctions are eased?" demanded another Iraqi businessman in Jordan. "This is a racist policy. The Security Council would never impose such sanctions against Europeans and Christians."

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A police armed response unit preparing to face the Iraqi hijackers after arriving at Stansted Airport in Essex early yesterday morning

## National airline faces threat of UN sanctions

SUDAN Airways will be grounded by United Nations sanctions in the coming months unless the country's Islamic Government turns over three men suspected of trying to assassinate President Mubarak of Egypt.

The United Nations Security Council voted on August 16 to impose an air embargo on all aircraft "owned, leased or operated by or on behalf of Sudan Airways" but said it would decide in November when the sanctions should come into force. The air embargo is intended to force Sudan, whose leaders are already under UN travel restrictions and diplomatic sanctions, to turn over the three men who allegedly tried to kill President Mubarak in Ethiopia

last year. The UN Secretary-General is to report by November 15 on Sudan's compliance with the Security Council's demands.

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suggests they were indeed ordinary people: terrorists don't bring their families with them," said a European envoy.

A spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress, a coalition of opposition groups, said: "The situation under Saddam Hussein's regime may lead some Iraqis to take desperate measures. It is possible that the hijackers would prefer to live in a British jail than in Saddam's Iraq, but all Iraqis who believe in democracy and human rights would condemn terrorism and hostage-taking under any circumstances."

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## Arabs dissidents find safe haven in Beirut on Thames

LONDON has long been a haven for Arab dissidents, and in the last 20 years has developed into a meeting point for people from throughout the Middle East.

The W2 postal district has become an Arab London, where tens of thousands of visitors and dissidents can meet, trade, campaign, relax and seek refuge.

Parts of Bayswater, the Edgware Road in particular, resemble any other Arab town with men sipping coffee and reading Arabic newspapers and reading Arabic newspapers in cafés while the women shop for groceries unfamiliar to the older natives.

The Palestinian writer Said Arafat describes the area, which has an estimated 700,000 visitors in summer, as Beirut on Thames. There are a range of Arabic language daily newspapers and weekly magazines, as well as grocery stores selling pita bread, figs and other Middle Eastern goods.

Britain's lengthy historical and cultural ties with the Middle East have made the country a natural destination for Arab visitors and young people wishing to study the language.

Among the resident dissidents, the Iraqi opposition groups are the most prominent, attracted by the Government's tough stance against Saddam Hussein's regime.

Latest figures show that between January and June this year, 390 Iraqis sought asylum, 290 were given refugee status and a further 70 granted

exceptional leave to remain in the UK. At the end of June, there were 695 outstanding applications for asylum from Iraqis.

Last year 570 Iraqis were granted asylum, 165 exceptional leave to remain and 50 refused. Home Office statistics show that in 1994, 380 Iraqis were granted asylum and 220 exceptional leave to remain; in 1993, 185 and 300; in 1992, 190 and 1,210. The number of applications from Middle Eastern countries, including Iraq, rose from 730 in 1988 to a peak of 2,650 in 1990 before falling to 2,295 last year.

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# Most churchgoers say Prince should not become King

BY TIM JONES



A MAJORITY of regular churchgoers believe that the Prince of Wales should not become King because of his divorce, and their opposition would harden were he to remarry, according to an opinion poll published today.

The survey of 1,000 clergy and 840 lay people, disclosed on the day of the Prince's decree absolute, indicates that the Church of England could face division over his accession. There could be a rift between the laity, supported by the clergy,

and the bishops who appear to take a more liberal view of the prospect of a divorced King.

The poll was carried out by Gallup for the Protestant Reformation Society. Gallup asked whether the heir to the throne should become Sovereign and Supreme Governor of the Church of England if divorced. Fifty-four per cent of the active laity, defined as those who had attended a service in the previous month, opposed the idea. They were supported by 51 per cent of retired clergy. Of the general population, 43 per cent said

that they would not want a divorced monarch.

The poll received a response from only a quarter of the 114 English diocesan bishops, suffragans and assistants approached. But 76 per cent of those who did reply were "strongly supportive" of the divorced heir becoming King. Forty-five per cent of full-time clergy said a divorce would make no difference to the Prince of Wales becoming King; 40 per cent said they would object.

Gallup also asked: "Should the heir to the throne become monarch and Supreme Governor if divorced

and then remarried?" This was opposed by 52 per cent of bishops, 56 per cent of full-time clergy and 70 per cent of retired clergy.

The Protestant Reformation Society was established in 1827 to safeguard the doctrine and theology of the English Reformation. Many of its members are clergy who have become increasingly disenchanted by what they consider to be a decline in the traditional values and teaching of the Church.

The Right Rev David Samuel, president of the society, who left the Church because of the ordination of

women, emphasised that no one questioned by Gallup was aware that his organisation had commissioned the poll.

The survey showed a decline in support for the Queen's continuance as Supreme Governor of the Church of England compared with a similar survey 12 years ago. Also, there was less support for the specification in the Act of Settlement that the monarch must be a member of the Church of England. The greatest support, 71 per cent, was among active Church of England laity, against 60 per cent of bishops, 49

per cent of full-time clergy and 48 per cent of the population as a whole.

The survey showed a marked decline in opposition to the ordination of women among bishops (24 per cent, down from 49 per cent in 1984) and full-time clergy (26 per cent, down from 46 per cent). On the question of homosexuality, there was a small reduction in the number of people in all groups who said that the Church should not approve of homosexual acts. This was most marked among bishops, with 52 per cent taking that view now against 63 per cent in 1984.

**Blackmailer was caught while using confidential bank account in Austria**

## Man jailed for poison threat to UK dairies

BY LIN JENKINS

A FAILED businessman who attempted to extort £250,000 from British dairy companies by threatening to contaminate their products with poisonous micro-organisms was jailed for three years by an Austrian court yesterday.

The British authorities have begun an inquiry into their failure to extradite him to Britain.

Michael Just, 37, from Nottinghamshire, was arrested when he went to withdraw money from an account he had opened in Austria for the proceeds of the blackmail. He can serve his jail term in Britain, and accepted the sentence because his wife is in custody here awaiting trial.

"I want to return to Britain as soon as possible. My wife is in jail there and expecting a child. Otherwise I would be appealing against the sentence," he said.

The prosecution asked for the statutory three days to decide whether to challenge the length of the jail term.

The prosecution said Just had used his degree in microbiology and virology at Nottingham University to hatch the plot after running into financial difficulties. After leaving university he had set up a firm specialising in methods of processing sewage, but it went bankrupt.

He then set up an information service for Internet users, but his debts grew, he was threatened with the loss of his house and his four-year-old child was due. It was then that he decided to turn to crime. Just told the court: "I was depressed when I got the idea to make a lot of money very quickly using criminal methods."

In early May Just obtained by mail order cultures of the bacteria Yersinia



Just wants to serve sentence in Britain because his wife is pregnant and in custody as she awaits trial here

Enterococcus, which can cause digestive problems, intestinal infections and diarrhoea. He said it was "much feared" in the dairy industry.

The money was to go to an anonymous savings account he had opened at the Credit-Anstalt bank in Vienna via the Internet. Just told the court: "That seemed to me the most secure method because it is all anonymous in Austria."

Just then made his blackmail demands to the five companies in London, West Mercia, Northumbria and

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He wrote several times to the companies at one time

including a product carton painted black and on another one that was contaminated with the bacteria. He also threatened to go public.

Herr Schoen said the companies went to the police after tests showed that the bacteria was present in what they had been sent.

The Vienna court convicted Just on a charge of "serious blackmail". His wife Nora, 42,

is in detention in Britain awaiting trial.

West Mercia police, who coordinated the investigation into the blackmail said yesterday that they were not told he was to stand trial in Vienna. A Foreign Office spokesman said he could only imagine that the extradition order did not arrive in time. "It is something we are following up," he said.

## Teachers vote to strike in row over 'violent' boy of 10

BY DAVID CHARTER

TEACHERS at a junior school voted yesterday to strike after their governors twice readmitted a ten-year-old pupil expelled for violent behaviour.

Matthew Wilson was allowed back to Manton Junior School in Manton, Nottinghamshire, even though teachers claimed he turned up at the gates last term wielding a baseball bat. Governors yesterday described Matthew as a "bright and nice boy" and his mother, Pamela Cliffe, said he was just a "normal lad".

However, all seven of the nine teachers at the school in the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers voted to walk out, saying that

Matthew refused to obey instructions, was violent towards other pupils and had thrown things at staff, leaving them afraid for their own safety. The union said its members will not turn up next Tuesday if Matthew is there.

Bill Skelly, head teacher, first expelled Matthew in June after what the union described as "a year of chronically disruptive behaviour". Governors refused to back the decision. Matthew was back in class for less than a month before Mr Skelly banished him again for refusing to sit where he was told to sit, assembly, picking on other children and running off during the day.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, said: "Despite receiving a

strong warning letter about his future conduct, the boy reappeared at the school gates during the afternoon break on July 5, behaving in a menacing fashion, wielding a baseball bat."

Ms Cliffe said yesterday: "I think it is pathetic. I don't think teachers should be able to pick and choose who they teach just because they can't control a normal lad like Matthew." She denied that her son had threatened teachers with a baseball bat.

Eileen Bennett, chairwoman of the school governors, dismissed claims that Matthew's behaviour was chronically disruptive as "utter rubbish". She said: "He is a challenge, but there are an awful lot of children who are a challenge."

## Mandelson agent cooked up travel expenses claim

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE man who helped Peter Mandelson, Labour's top spin doctor, to become an MP has been caught fiddling his expenses as a councillor.

Bernard Carr, Mr Mandelson's agent when he won his Hartlepool seat in the 1992 general election, claimed for a visit to London when he was already there on an expense-paid trip as a contestant in a cooking competition.

Mr Carr's colleagues at Hartlepool council gave him a £150 advance to travel to the capital to attend a housing trust meeting. They did not know that he had stayed on after taking part in a *Daily Telegraph* contest to find the worst cook in Britain. When local papers published his third place with a turnip and fish soup with fishing croutons, Moss Boddy, a fellow Labour councillor, queried his expenses claim.

The visit was investigated by John Walton, Hartlepool's chief finance officer, who ruled that the claim was fraudulent.

Mr Carr, 41, chairman of the Hartlepool Labour Party and the council's housing committee, has since repaid the money and agreed to refund a

similar amount for a previous trip to the Tudor Trust housing group. No further action is planned by the authority.

However, local Conservatives said they may seek a police investigation. Ray Wells, chairman of Hartlepool Conservative Association, said: "This matter involves public money. Mr Carr should resign immediately."

Mr Carr said yesterday that he accepted the official's findings. He added: "No fraud or

intended fraud was committed. I genuinely believed the meeting in London was appropriate. This is a matter of opinion and in the view of the council officers it was not eligible. I agreed with their judgment." He had paid back the money immediately.

Mr Carr, who is single and works full-time for his party, had been nominated for the "Blokes' Cuisine" contest in the newspaper by his long-time friend Vicki Andrews. He attended the cookery final at Brown's Hotel on Friday, August 16 but his meeting with the housing group was not until the next Monday.

Mr Carr had told officials that he was attending the competition but claimed he had not stayed over in London. However, the investigation discovered that Mr Carr was at the Dolphin Hotel in London over the weekend.

Mr Waltons told the council that the expenses were not justified. He said that the guidelines had been broken.

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Brian Haslam, leader of the council, said the labour group would be meeting Mr Carr to discuss the matter.

## Police used CS spray on mother

POLICE used a CS spray to force a mother to let go of her ten-month-old daughter who was being taken into care, it was disclosed yesterday (Paul Wilkinson writes). An inquiry has been ordered.

Officers of the same force, Cleveland, have also been asked to explain why they used the spray on two children aged 13 and 14 who had barricaded themselves in a bedroom of a local authority home. None of those sprayed is suffering lasting ill-effects.

Bob Pitts, the chairman of social services in Middlesbrough, where both incidents happened, said: "It seems that the sprays were not used as an instrument of last resort where an officer was in physical danger, but as a method of control, a quick-fix solution, which is in total breach of the guidelines agreed by the Association of Chief Police Officers."

Barry Shaw, Chief Constable of Cleveland police, denied that the guidelines had been broken.

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## Parcelforce strike threat

Parcelforce staff may take national industrial action over the sacking of a worker who was caught on closed-circuit television throwing the plastic top of a cardboard tube across the factory floor. Two sorting centres have already been affected by a 24-hour stoppage over the incident.

Stephen Fox, 24, of Bristol, was sacked after a disciplinary hearing for the throwing incident, smoking on duty and for a charge of wilfully delaying the mail.

## Murder girl reward

An anonymous businessman has offered a reward for information leading to the arrest of the killer of Caroline Glachan, 14. He put up the four-figure sum after hearing the tearful plea for witnesses made by the girl's mother, Margaret Glachan.

The girl had been her only child. Her body was found in the River Leven, near Dumbarton, on Sunday. Police said yesterday that there had been a poor response to the appeal for information.

## BT complaint upheld

Complaints that a BT advert promoting its Friends and Family service was misleading have been upheld by the Independent Television Commission. The advert, featuring Bob Hoskins, led many viewers to believe that they could get an immediate 10 per cent discount off their bills. In fact, customer discounts started with the next bill so phone users had to wait up to three months for the reduction to take effect. The commission received 36 complaints.

## Covent Garden blast

Tourists ran for cover after a fireball blew a manhole cover into the air in the pedestrianised Piazza in Covent Garden, central London. A pregnant woman was believed to be among six people needing hospital treatment. Witnesses said the cast-iron lid shot up more than 15ft propelled by an orange fireball. It is believed an electrical fault caused the blast. The Piazza was sealed off after the incident.

## Jobs for the boys

Boys aged between 6 and 9 are paid an average of £1.70 a week for jobs around the home, compared with £1.60 a week for girls. However, the girls are the ultimate winners, receiving an average of £1.80 in gifts, while boys receive only £1.60 unearned income, according to a young savers' survey by the Halifax Building Society. A spokesman said: "Most save more than they spend."

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By Peter Foster

AMERICAN fans of Oasis were undeterred by the absence of the lead singer Liam Gallagher at last night's opening concert of the band's US tour in Rosemont, Illinois. The promoters said that only a few ticket holders had taken up an offer of a refund, and sales had actually increased.

The singer stayed at his home in St

John's Wood, London, but denied the group was on the verge of splitting. He left the house briefly to buy a pint of milk at a local newsagent, and said: "You know the story: it's all in the paper. I've got to move house."

The tour was thrown into turmoil on Sunday when he refused to board the plane to Chicago 15 minutes before take-off. The 22-year-old star said he was returning to sort out "personal

problems" and finalise house-moving arrangements with his fiancée, actress Patsy Kensit.

Andy Cirran, vice-president of the concert division of Jam Productions, and account manager for Oasis, said: "New sales are easily outstripping any refunds. I find it very surprising. People just want to see the band." Creation Records earlier issued a statement saying the singer wanted to

sort out a "personal matter" and would be joining the band later in the three-week tour. A spokesman said Gallagher was merely recovering from laryngitis. The band are also booked to play MTV's Video Music Awards in New York. MTV said yesterday they still expected him there. For the moment, the lead vocals are being taken by his brother Noel, the band's songwriter and guitarist.

Queen of fights on child porn

Outspoken crusader has won over her subjects but infuriated defenders of protocol and libertarians

## Queen of Sweden fights on against child pornography

FROM DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT, IN STOCKHOLM

QUEEN SILVIA of Sweden defied her critics yesterday to address the world's first congress against the sexual exploitation of children, unrepentant about the future she has raised by telling Swedish politicians to ban child pornography.

The Queen, whose emotional approach to the issue has infuriated constitutional experts while endearing her further to the people, insisted on taking the microphone for an unscripted intervention at the Stockholm conference attended by 130 nations.

A mother of three, she has made the battle against child exploitation a personal crusade, embarrassing the Government of a country that allows its citizens the right to possess child pornography that would be outlawed in most of the civilised world.

Queen Silvia, who agreed to be patron of the five-day congress, was warmly cheered when she made an impromptu address after sitting through several hours of earnest speeches from diplomats promising to tackle the problem. "It is an important day for us," she told the representatives. "You have got an agenda of action in your hands. Please take it into your hearts. I am going to follow very closely what is going on here. I am very proud and happy that you have come."

Queen Silvia's first foray into the debate was at a summit on the rights of children held in Paris last November. Organised by Valerie-Anne Giscard d'Estaing, it was attended by 26 first ladies and several female members of royalty. A mood of tension and embarrassment filled the meeting as Queen Silvia described how she had watched sequences showing paedophiles committing serious sexual offences against children. Boris Yeltsin's wife was reported to have gazed down the table and Queen Noor of Jordan squirmed.

Undaunted, Queen Silvia



Mme Giscard d'Estaing organised a summit

took her campaign on to Swedish television in the summer, agreeing to an interview in which the usual platitudes about her children's progress were replaced by a strong attack on Sweden's record on pornography. Misty-eyed, she said watching the films had made her weep. "You cannot compare it to adult pornography," she told viewers. "It is torture of the worst kind. It was the worst thing I have ever seen."

Queen Silvia accused politicians of dragging their feet and said that they should be compelled to watch child pornography. She said the name and photograph of anyone who sexually abused a child should be published throughout Sweden. The public, who have backed children's charities campaigning for the laws to be tightened, were delighted, but champions of Sweden's liberal traditions were infuriated by her suggestion.

The Swedish press — which has refused to publish photographs of paedophiles in crime reports, claiming that their children's privacy would be damaged — was particularly stung and the journalists' union has led attacks on the

Queen. "The media has kicked her in the head," a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said.

The union fears that investigative journalists could be hampered if the freedom to possess material is curtailed by the law.

Queen Silvia's remark about dragging feet was seen as especially injudicious as politicians have already begun to change the constitution, but according to the rules they have to wait for another general election and a vote by the new parliament before the change can be implemented, probably in 1999.

Stig Hadenius, a professor at Stockholm University and prominent political scientist, said: "Almost 99 per cent of the public are against child pornography so it is very easy for her. But as a queen she should be silent because it is a very complex legal question."

The Royal Palace in Stockholm said yesterday: "As with all royalty, when they talk about something that is important to themselves, they are prepared for criticism. I don't think she was surprised. From the beginning, it has been a very personal reaction as a mother."

Per Erik Astrom of Swedish Save The Children said: "If you see that type of film, the natural reaction is to become angry. She was very upset. We are talking about strong sadistic material."

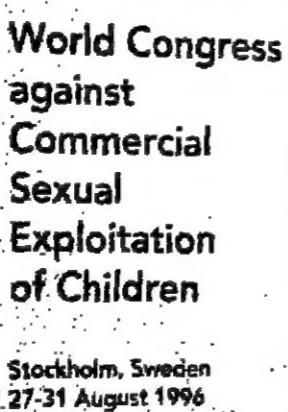
It has been illegal to make and distribute child pornography in Sweden since 1980. Films of obscene acts between humans and animals can still be freely bought.

The Swedes have been overwhelmed by a sudden late surge in attendance at the conference. With 1,500 delegates and journalists arriving, the shadow of the Belgian paedophile scandal hangs over the congress hall.

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said: "The recent abominable events in Belgium have shaken the world and deeply shocked people."

Timothy Kirkhope, a junior Home Office Minister, was applauded at the conference as he called for more countries to follow Britain's example and be prepared to extradite their own nationals suspected of sex crimes against children in developing countries.

Sri Lanka, stung by estimates that 30,000 child prostitutes were working in the country, urged Western governments to send lists of known sex tourists so they could be stopped. But children's charities accused it of trying to offload its share of the blame to protect its tourist trade, instead of promising to close down the brothels.



The recent Belgian paedophile scandal has led to a surge in attendance at the congress in Stockholm

## Persistent abusers face statutory castration

BY GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHILD molesters who reoffend face mandatory castration under a Bill expected to become law this week in California. While certain to face challenges in court, the law is also likely to be imitated elsewhere as politicians respond to mounting public indignation over repeat sex offenders.

Under the law, anyone convicted twice of sexually abusing a child will have to choose between surgical castration or periodic injections of a drug proven to inhibit sex drive. Pete Wilson, Governor of California, who has made draconian new punishments a centrepiece of his administration, said that he hoped the law would "help in the difficult struggle to control the deviant behaviour of those who stalk our young."

Convicted child molesters routinely reoffended almost immediately on being released from prison, one of the Bill's sponsors claimed yesterday. Bill Hoge, an assemblyman from Pasadena, compared the problem and his solution to dealing with disease.

"If you have smallpox in the country or some other kind of disease, the law is clear on the fact that you can't refuse treatment," he told *The New York Times*.

Offenders would receive regular shots of Depo-Provera, a drug produced by the Upjohn pharmaceutical company that lowered testosterone levels and thus sex

drive in men. It had already been used successfully in Sweden and Germany. Mr Hoge said.

Civil rights groups and medical experts alike have given notice that they would oppose the law as unconstitutional and simplistic. "It's not enough just to say, 'Let's lock 'em up and castrate the bastards,' however horrible their misdeeds," Fred Berlin of Johns Hopkins University said.

"Some people you just lock up. Some people you look up and treat. Some people you treat. It's complicated."

Governor Wilson is unlikely to be discouraged. Tapping

into a vein of public outrage over crime, he has already staked his political future on such unpopular — and often unenforceable — initiatives as the "three strikes and you're out" law, which requires life sentences for repeat offenders of any kind, and Proposition 187, which would deny state education and healthcare to illegal immigrants.

A 75-year-old Australian accused of 850 child sex crimes was remanded in custody by a Brisbane court yesterday. The charges against the man, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, cover a period from the 1960s to the 1980s. Queensland police said further charges were expected against the man, who is also accused of sex offences overseas.

Meanwhile a child sex abuse trial in Germany entered its 234th day yesterday. In three linked court cases in Mainz, 24 adults from two extended families in nearby Worms are variously charged with raping or sadistically torturing children of the two families, or hiring them out for others to abuse. Many acts are alleged to have been filmed. Sixteen children are alleged to have been abused in 200 instances.

The first case began in November 1994 and the others in April 1995, and all the accused have remained silent. The difficulties of taking evidence from children are prompting the German authorities to consider changes in the law.



Never lost for words: the common-born Queen Silvia speaks several languages and her intelligence has won wide respect even among Sweden's republicans

## The royal bride whose wisdom saved monarchy

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

SHE is regarded by many as the saviour of Swedish monarchy. Queen Silvia has rarely put a foot wrong since marrying King Carl Gustaf XVI in 1976. They first met four years earlier when she was chief hostess for the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, and he was a bachelor prince with an unfair reputation for being slow-witted.

The new Queen soon won plaudits, even among republicans, as a dignified and intelligent escort. Every New Year, the royal couple appear on television introducing an hour of film clips showing their state visits and official duties. The King endearingly forgets names and places, and she gently corrects him. After one broadcast, the Queen's suddenly youthful appearance led to unconfirmed reports that she had received a facelift.

Queen Silvia, now 52, is the common-born daughter of a German businessman. Her dark beauty is attributed to her Brazilian mother — she spent part of her childhood in São Paulo. As an interpreter, she learnt seven languages, including sign.

The royal couple have three children, the Crown Princess Victoria, Carl Philip, and Madeleine. Two years ago there were puzzling allegations about a residential

course where Carl Philip, then 15, was being prepared for confirmation into the Lutheran Church.

A Swedish newspaper reported that, during a confidence-building game known as "the washing line" — in which teams were encouraged to remove their clothing and tie it into a long rope — a number of over-excited participants stripped naked and licked jam off each other.

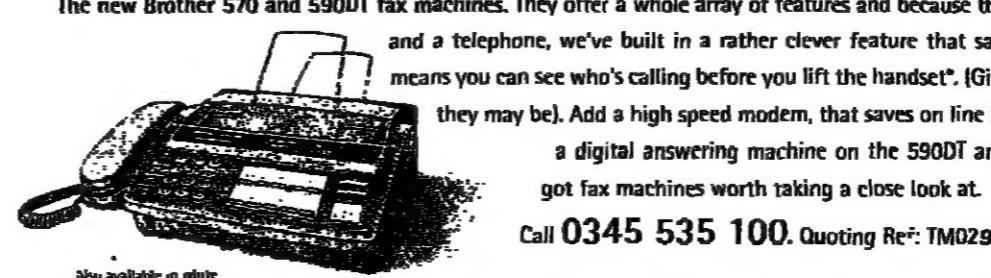
The Queen was said to have asked a psychiatrist whether her shy son could have been traumatised. The Royal Family issued an ambiguous statement that "obviously anything that causes distress to children must be stopped".

The King has rarely intervened in politics, although he has annoyed Sweden's traditional rival, Norway, by attacking their fishing policies on environmental grounds. The Swedish Royal Family has had no real power since the First World War, although it has remained a symbol of the nation, particularly praised for preserving unity during the Second World War. Its last political functions involving the forming of governments were given to the Speaker of Parliament in 1970. The succession passes to the first-born child regardless of sex, making Victoria, 19, the heir.

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## Democrats march behind one-man band to silence chorus of dissent

THE danger of this convention for President Clinton was always that it would prove to be a non-event. With the ritual roll-call of the states still to come tonight and the President's acceptance speech not due until tomorrow evening, it is too early to say whether that has been averted.

Yet the man who needs few lessons in campaigning has already moved to milk an essentially non-occasion for all — and rather more than — it is worth.

As Al Gore, the Vice-President, has scurried about in Chicago, no doubt hoping to build up support for heading the ticket in four years' time, the main focus has not been on all the schmaltzy mood music



In seeking to become the first elected second-term Democratic President in nearly 50 years, Bill Clinton is running an almost solo political effort, writes Anthony Howard in Chicago

coming out of the convention centre. The President's four-day whistle-stop journey across the electorally crucial Midwest has played better, both in newspapers and on television, than anyone in the White House can have dared to hope. It has lent him a certain homespun quality that has done his normally plastic image no harm.

But there is a price that had to be paid and the White House no doubt cheerfully foresaw that, in organising this rival attraction. The Democratic Party is now visibly a one-man band with everything else subsumed to the need to get Mr Clinton re-elected in November.

Even to his supporters, he is the brave little Dutch boy with his

finger in the dyke — standing alone against a flood of reactionary policies flowing from the legislative into the executive branch. The trophy of having the first elected second-term Democratic President in nearly 50 years is something the party is prepared to settle for, and that is what Mr Clinton is banking on in mounting what is an almost brazenly solo political effort.

It is not, of course, how Harry Truman played it in 1948. But then, as the product of a big-city machine, he was a party man in a sense that Mr Clinton, the loner, has never been. There have been just a few signs in the past day or two of a readiness to criticise the current Republican legislative record; but

the 1996 Democratic candidate still has a great deal of ground to make up before he matches the performance of "Give 'em Hell Harry" inveigling against "do nothing" Congress of almost half a century ago.

The irony is that the man who came to office vowing to break "the gridlock" on Capitol Hill is now caught in the trap of appearing to be the principal agent likely to perpetuate it. The President's new-strategist — the politically ambiguous Dick Morris — may proclaim his belief that Mr Clinton can win back control of both the House and the Senate next November, but he is about the only person defiantly to make such a prediction.

The more loyalist Democrats tend to believe that, by signing the Republicans' Welfare Bill, despite the reservations expressed at the time, the President virtually ensured Newt Gingrich's continuation after January as Speaker of the House. By that one simple action he took the sting out of the accusation of extremism and restored Mr Gingrich and his disciples to the political mainstream.

That is not an accusation that is likely to be heard here from the podium. But the subterranean mutterings are audible and it will take more to smother them than the gallant effort by Richard Gephardt (Mr Gingrich's Democratic rival) to pretend that the welfare split does not exist. You cannot congratulate the President on his courage over the tax Bill and at the same time ignore what appears to many Democrats as his cowardice in consenting to send children into

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Nevertheless, the melancholy record of only two presidential election victories in the past 28 years cannot be disregarded. Even the most disenchanted delegates know that for the moment Mr Clinton looks like the Democrats' last best hope of ensuring their future. This is why, as though with a defeated joy, they acquiesce in his extraordinary dominance over what at other times has been a notoriously fractious party.

## Democrats leave politics out of showbiz scenario

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CHICAGO

DEMOCRATS attending their party's convention in Chicago returned gently to earth yesterday after one of the most astonishing opening nights in the history of these quadrennial jamborees.

There was hardly a speech by an elected politician. There was minimal discussion of politics or policy. There was scarcely any overt partisanship. The delegates, and millions of television viewers, were instead treated to a riveting theatrical production featuring two performances that turned the convention centre — a giant indoor sports stadium — into one great cauldron of emotion.

The first was by James Brady, the former White House Press Secretary who was shot through the head during the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan. He brought the vast convention to its feet by himself rising unexpectedly from his wheelchair and painfully inching across the stage to the podium where he and his wife, Sarah, praised President Clinton for breaking gun controls.

The second was by Christopher Reeve, the actor who played Superman, who was paralysed from the neck down by a riding accident last year. Speaking in short, breathless sentences from his high-tech wheelchair, Mr Reeve delivered a plea for America to help its disabled so eloquent and so moving that he, too, not only brought 25,000 conventioners to their feet but had many openly weeping.

Mr Reeve's speech overran by 15 minutes, but not one of the television networks cut away. As he finished, the hall darkened and President Clinton appeared live on three huge screens from a rally in Toledo, Ohio, where his campaign train had stopped for the night.

"Thank you for loving



Reeve: his speech moved the delegates to tears

America," he declared. "Stay with us, and we'll be there."

There were no direct attacks on the Republicans and no explicit endorsements of Mr Clinton. Neither was necessary. The Bradyes are Reaganites. Their mere appearance at Democratic convention was a huge propaganda coup, and when Mrs Brady saluted "the great job that President Clinton has done in fighting crime and gun violence" she was implicitly rebuking a Republican leadership with close ties to the National Rifle Association.

Mr Clinton "understands the difference between a Remington rifle and an AK47. He knows you don't go hunting with an Uzi," she said.

Mr Reeve was also clearly targeting the Republicans when he deplored the slashing of "programmes people need" and appealed for the sort of community involvement that both Clintons have been advocating.

"President Roosevelt showed us that a man who could barely lift himself out of a wheelchair could still lift a nation out of despair," he said. "I believe, and so does this Administration, in the most important principle: FDR taught us: America does not

let its needy citizens fend for themselves. America is strongest when all of us take care of all of us."

The evening also featured a tearful tribute to Ron Brown, the Commerce Secretary killed in a plane crash in Croatia, a Chicago policeman shot 11 times in an ambush, a laid-off car worker who had found new work, and a community service volunteer. It was all the political equivalent of subliminal advertising designed to showcase the Democrats as the party of compassion and common sense.

Hillary Clinton appeared on the giant screens to welcome the convention to her home town, and thrilled the delegates when minutes later she arrived in person to watch the Bradys and Mr Reeve from the VIP box.

Completing the package were laser light shows, entertainment by the saxophonist Kenny G and the cast of the musical *Rent*, a mass *macarena* dance and an electronic scoreboard updating each second the number of jobs created during the Clinton Administration. The mastermind of this extravaganza was Gary Smith, a Hollywood producer whose latest credits include the 50th anniversary of the Tony awards.

The convention was expected to return to more orthodox politics last night with speeches by Hillary Clinton and two prominent liberals, the Rev Jesse Jackson and Mario Cuomo, both of whom were expected to sharply criticise Mr Clinton for signing a radical Republican welfare reform bill last week.

Mr Clinton, continuing his four-day train journey to Chicago, was expected to announce in Michigan a \$2.5 billion (£1.6 billion) programme to attack illiteracy.



Hillary Clinton speaking at the opening of James Adams Park in Chicago yesterday

## Clinton bans nasty gibes

### CHICAGO NOTEBOOK

These are early days, but this just might prove the cleanest presidential campaign in memory. The Republicans hurled some nasty gibes at President Clinton during their San Diego convention, but polls showed that that had turned the public off, and Mr Clinton has refused to respond in kind. He has banned personal attacks on Bob Dole.

Scarcely a speaker mentioned the Republican nominee during the opening night on Monday. Dick Morris, Mr Clinton's political guru, reportedly wanted Evan Bayh, the Governor of Indiana, to savage the Republicans in his keynote speech last night, but Mr Clinton insisted he focus on his Administration's record.

Most astonishing of all, the 16-minute film that will introduce Mr Clinton before his big speech tomorrow night actually lavishes praise on Mr Dole for his service to the country. This only proves that Mr Clinton is a very

shrewd politician. There is no way that he, with his questionable past, could engage a 73-year-old war hero in a personal slanging match and come out on top.

On no question before the Democrats came to Chicago was whether they would spotlight or sideline Hillary. Even the Chicago suburb of Park Ridge balked at displaying a portrait of its most famous daughter.

The question has been emphatically answered: Mrs Clinton is everywhere. On Monday she delivered no less than seven "fringe" speeches in eight hours, and was last night addressing not only the convention but her biggest television audience yet. She speaks boldly, defiantly and unapologetically.

While Elizabeth Dole refers to her husband as "Bob" and talks glowingly of the

MARTIN FLETCHER

## Photo clue deepens TWA crash mystery

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A PHOTOGRAPH taken at a party on Long Island has added to the mystery surrounding the crash of TWA Flight 800 by capturing an image of an unidentified flying object, flaming at one end like a missile.

Linda Kabot took the picture on the night of the TWA crash at a fundraising party for her employer, a local Republican politician, on the patio of the Docker's restaurant in East Quogue. The restaurant overlooks the Atlantic, about 15 miles from where the Paris-bound flight exploded on July 17, killing all 230 people on board.

Mrs Kabot photographed guests for 45 minutes, starting at 8pm — about the time the aircraft came down. In the sky, in one photograph of a group, is a long cylindrical object, flying roughly horizontally, with a flame at one end. "I do not know what it is," Mrs

Kabot said yesterday. She first saw the cigar-like object when her husband, Lance, examined the photographs six days after they were taken. The couple called the FBI, who sent a helicopter to ferry the pictures and the negatives to Washington for examination. The FBI asked Mrs Kabot for the party guest list and has interviewed many of the 270 people who were present at the fundraising.

Although the UFO looks uncannily like a missile, some investigators have suggested that it could be the TWA jumbo jet exploding, or a completely unrelated object.

Investigators believe a bomb ripped the TWA jet in two, but have not discounted the possibility that it was blown out of the sky by a missile. PETN, the high-explosive detected on wreckage, is found in both plastic explosives and missiles.

## Prisoners toil to put out fires

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

TEAMS of prisoners and mountain troops from the US Army joined weary fire crews to fight dozens of forest fires that continued to burn across eight western states yesterday.

About 18,000 men and women are at the front line, some toiling simply to save wildlife habitats. The effort to contain the fires, which burnt 19 homes in Oregon at the weekend and shut down the main highway between Los Angeles and San Francisco on Monday, is reportedly costing \$4 million (£2.2 million) a day.

The prisoners were enlisted to

fight the fire for \$1 an hour.

About 6,000 lightning strikes were blamed for 43 fires in Oregon and Nevada. In one act of arson, a 15-year-old youth admitted to starting the fire that closed the highway.

## Cuba holds fugitive financier in jail

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ROBERT VESCO, the fugitive financier wanted for cheating mutual fund investors in America in the 1960s, has been jailed for 13 years by a Cuban court.

Vesco was convicted earlier this month of economic crimes against the Cuban state and defrauding foreign investors of \$974,000 (£628,000) as part of a scheme to market a "wonder drug" for the treatment of cancer and arthritis. Vesco denied any guilt, arguing that there was no reason why he would defraud a country that had offered him refuge for more than a decade.

The bizarre case also involves the nephews of President Castro and Richard Nixon, the former American President. Señor Castro's nephew is director of the state-owned research company that was defrauded, while Donald Nixon, who was briefly detained in Cuba and later

released, is a long-time associate of Vesco.

The son of a car mechanic, Vesco built a fortune on the stock market before fleeing America 25 years ago and leaving a trail of swindled investors. Cuban officials have refused to deport him.



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# French villagers cheer farmers on mad cow march

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A HERD of French cows, flanked by police motorcycle outriders, plodded along the slow lane of a busy highway towards Paris yesterday in the latest, and maddest, protest at the dire effects of mad cow disease on the French beef industry.

The cattle and their owners set off from the south of Poitiers on August 11 to draw attention to plunging beef prices, and as they approach the end of their 220-mile odyssey, they have caught the imagination of the public and brought new pressure to bear on the French Government.

"We want to see President Chirac, and we will," declared Jacques Tourenne as he rounded up his cows on a football field near Rambouillet, 30 miles south of Paris, for the morning cattle-drive.

The herd and herdsman, originating in one of the poorest agricultural regions of France, will arrive in the capital on Saturday when the animals will be assembled on the Champ de Mars, in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, could prove extremely messy.

What began as a quixotic protest by a handful of farmers from the Vienne region has gradually swollen to 36 cows and more than 80 people. Teams of six cows at a time take it in turn to amble along the tarmac, behind a tractor with a placard reading: "We are marching to avoid annihilation", while the rest of the herd follows in trailers.

Passing through small towns and villages along the way, they are greeted by the ringing of church bells and spontaneous offers of food and money from sympathetic locals.

Beef consumption in France has dropped by a third since



Chirac expected to meet the protesters

the start of the mad-cow crisis in March, and the protesters say they face financial ruin unless the Government and the European Union steps in with massively increased compensation and a fixed price for beef.

The protest now occupies a regular slot on the evening news and the progress of the "Mad Cow March" is relayed daily by national newspapers.

Politically and otherwise, a prolonged occupation of the Champ de Mars, in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, could prove extremely messy.

Jacques Chirac has often emphasised his roots in the cattle-producing region of the Corrèze and one senior Elysée official said President Chirac would probably agree to meet a delegation of the marchers at the weekend.

The troop headed north along the four-lane N10 highway yesterday at a steady 2 mph, causing huge tailbacks but prompting honks of support from lorries passing in the opposite direction.

Roland Fontaineau said he did not regret giving up his summer holiday to walk to their forced march.

Paris. "This was the best way we could think of to show how serious things have got," he said.

Like many French farmers, he holds Britain to blame for the health scare that has undermined his livelihood, but he also suspects a more sinister conspiracy. "I think the United States put pressure on Britain to destabilise the European beef market so that American suppliers could monopolise the market," he said.

At night the walkers sleep on straw in the cattle trailers or accept whatever local hospitality is offered. "It's amazing how much help we've had," M. Fontaineau remarked, as he whacked the ample rump of Marguerite, a Limousin heifer and the self-appointed herd-leader. The walkers say that Marguerite has become wholly committed to the protest, often refusing to get back into the trailer at the end of her stint on the road.

Herdings cows on a dual carriageway is technically illegal, yet the police have not only allowed the march to continue but have provided a motorcycle escort. They have warned the herdsman, however, that as traffic becomes heavier on the approach to the capital, the cows will have to travel on the trailers for some stretches and avoid rushhours.

After their strenuous efforts, the cows will not end up at the Rungis foodmarket outside Paris, but will be returned to the Vienne, leaner and a good deal fitter. "Sometimes we bathe their feet because the road makes them hot," said Jean Grolleau, owner of Marguerite, but otherwise the cows appeared to be enjoying their forced march.



Part of the Limousin herd being driven to Paris in a protest against falling beef prices



A father carries his child to an ambulance in Crete

## 400 sick on cruise ship

FOUR Britons were reported ill with food poisoning on an Italian-owned cruise liner at anchor off the port of Heraklion, Crete (writes John Carr in Athens). A British consular official said they were being treated on board and their condition was "not serious".

The 13 other British passengers on board the Costa *Riviera* had no symptoms. But about 400 of the 1,200 passengers — the majority Italian — fell ill with what a doctor diagnosed as acute gastro-enteritis. Two passengers were taken to hospital in Heraklion.

The governor of the Crete province, Yannis Gargalakis, said yesterday: "I believe that the situation is under control."

The cases are not that serious and our doctors are treating them on the boat with medical supplies rushed in by local hospitals." However, coastguard officials in Heraklion said up to 30 people could be taken to hospital for further treatment.

The ship, which started its voyage at Venice, has now been confined to Heraklion harbour until tomorrow to allow food and water supplies to be taken a port official said.

The ship, which flies a Liberian flag, is owned by Costa Crociere in Genoa, Italy, and operated by a Greek company. It was on a cruise to Crete and other Greek islands.

## Plea by sex change man to be father

Brussels. The European Court of Human Rights yesterday began hearing a complaint by a British transsexual man — born a woman — who was refused the right to be recognised as the legal father of his woman companion's child (Charles Bremer writes).

The man, identified in court as Mr X, has been fighting for recognition since the child was born in 1992. He has lived with the mother since 1979 and the child was conceived through artificial insemination by donated sperm.

The Ministry of Health ruled that, while the child could bear Mr X's name, only a biological man could be legally registered as the child's father.

The case, in which Mr X is charging the British Government with breaching the article of the European Human Rights on privacy, goes to the heart of the campaign by transsexuals to remove barriers which they say deprive them of a normal life.

## Nobel laureate describes his 15 years of madness

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

DISCLOSING he had once lived through "15 years of madness" brought on by the nature and strain of his subject, the Nobel laureate John Nash said here yesterday that there is a conspicuous link between mathematical genius and mental disorder.

In a provocative paper delivered at the 10th World Congress of Psychiatry, Professor Nash, who shared the 1994 Nobel Prize for Economics for his research on game theory, spoke of the schizophrenia from which he suffered between 1959 and 1974. "The delirium was like a dream from which I seemed never to awake," he said.

The 68-year-old American scientist's illness began soon after the magazine *Fortune* had feted him as the most promising young mathematician in the world". Steeped in his research on game theory, Professor Nash started to believe "first, that the staff at my university, the Massa-

chusetts Institute of Technology, and later all of Boston, was behaving very strangely" towards him. "I started to see crypto-communists," he said.

His condition deteriorated so much that his wife divorced him, though she was later to return to his side. "I started to think I was a man of great religious importance, and to hear voices all the time." Although the scientist was admitted to hospital intermittently for his condition, his mathematical output went from strength to strength.

Professor Nash said: "I would not dare to say that there is a direct relation between mathematics and madness, but there is no doubt that great mathematicians suffer from maniacal characteristics." He cited several examples of cases like his own: Georg Cantor, who founded set theory and the concept of transfinite numbers; Kurt Gödel, whose eponymous

Proof has become a hallmark of 20th-century mathematics;

and Alan Turing, a pioneer in computer theory.

The professor put forward the thesis that rationality often interferes with the "ultra-logical thinking" necessary for mathematics.

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Nash: 'maths genius and madness linked'

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## Poland welcomes Germans as Nato links grow

British tanks are heading towards Poland in exercises marking the 57th anniversary of the start of the Second World War, as the former Warsaw Pact member edges closer to joining Nato, writes Roger Boyes

some 12 shared manoeuvres are scheduled for this year. German, Danish and Polish minesweepers were patrolling the Baltic earlier this month. Land exercises will also be held next month with Polish and German pilots providing air support.

The British are thus catching up with a more natural geopolitical constellation. The older Polish officers, after all, were trained to attack Germany and Denmark rather than Britain. Colonel Marian Kowalewski, who runs the International Security Department of the Ministry of Defence, says that he knows the Danish islands "like the back of my hand" because in Communist days he was an officer in the 7th Assault Division, trained to invade Denmark on behalf of the Warsaw Pact.

The triangular relationship between Denmark, Poland and Germany deals with strategic questions, but in practical terms the most important alignment is between Poland, Germany and Denmark. Defence ministers from those three countries, which share a Baltic coastline, exchange very detailed and confidential military information, including confidential data.

There are now twinned units, joint

The British are regarded more warmly by Polish officers, even if the contacts are not as intense as with the Germans.

There is a mutual respect, not only because of the Second World War but also because of Britain's proven combat readiness in the Falklands, the Gulf and in Bosnia," a senior Polish officer said.

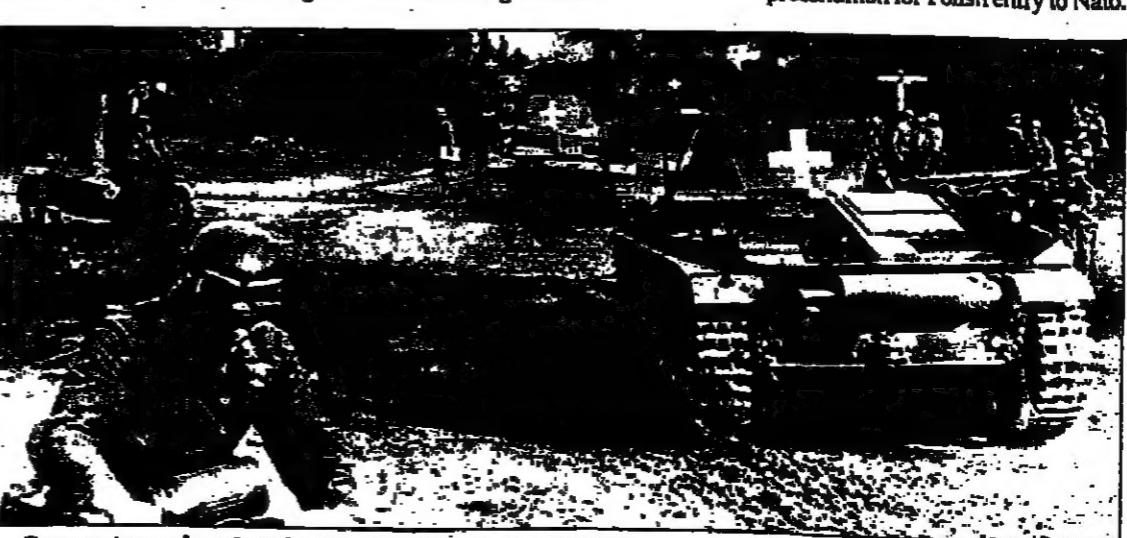
Poland's top brass, gathered at the Bydgoszcz air fair last weekend, gave

a notably warmer reception to British Harrier jets, which landed with precision in front of the VIP podium, than to other foreign aircraft on display. The American Hornet, the French Mirage 2000-5 and the Russian MiG-29 competed for attention.

There is some wariness in Poland that Nato enlargement is being supported by Western states partly for commercial gain or domestic political advantage. The American offer of F16 fighters, essentially without payment, and even last month's decision by Washington to grant \$60 million (£38 million) of military aid to the Poles, Hungarians, Czechs and Slovaks is seen in the context of the American election campaign; the ethnic Polish vote counts for a great deal.

"We will examine the strength and weaknesses of each aircraft and will choose the most up-to-date and most affordable," President Kwasniewski said at the air show. The Polish Air Force is pressing for a quick decision.

The closer the co-operation becomes, the more obvious are the differences in military sophistication. Poland spends only £51 per head on defence, compared with £118 in Germany. Tank technology in Germany is moving on while the Poles are lagging behind and Western navy command systems are a generation ahead of Polish technology. The computerisation of Nato has left the former Warsaw Pact countries standing, making a nonsense of the "inter-operability" which is the precondition for Polish entry to Nato.



German troops invade Poland in 1939. Now the two countries are engaged in close military co-operation

## Italian Cabinet struggles to hold fast to Maastricht

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

The rift in the Italian Cabinet over whether Italy will be able to meet the Maastricht targets for monetary union worsened yesterday despite attempts by senior ministers to smooth over the dispute.

The Italian consensus on the single currency cracked last weekend when Cesare Romiti, the head of Fiat, questioned the wisdom of trying to meet the Maastricht criteria, saying that job creation should come first. Walter Veltroni, the Deputy Prime Minister, then agreed that, because of recession on the Continent, European Union states should "sit round a table and review the criteria and the schedule for monetary union. The parameters were too severe," he told *Corriere della Sera*.

Yesterday Professor Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, appeared to contradict his deputy, saying that Italy "cannot possibly ask for a review of the Maastricht criteria". This would give the wrong signal to the markets, which were looking to the Italian draft 1997 budget to provide "the kind of message that will enable interest rates to come down".

Signor Prodi and Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Treasury and Budget Minister, have designed the 1997 budget, which includes far-reaching spending cuts, to help Italy to meet the Maastricht criteria on inflation and the public deficit.

Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister, appeared on the main television evening news to assure Italians that "no one is thinking of revising the parameters. That would be a great mistake."

There was room for manoeuvre, however, over the timing of monetary union. Signor Dini said, with EU leaders deciding in 1998 how many countries should join the single currency in the first phase. His remarks were given first place in the news

bulletin and treated as a solemn declaration.

Behind the tensions, which mark the end of the Prodi Government's first 100-day "honeymoon" (and the end of the summer break), lies the fact that Italy has no hope of qualifying in time and would secretly welcome a delay.

Under the Maastricht criteria, for example, the budget deficit must be no greater than 3 per cent of gross domestic product. The Italian deficit was 10 per cent of GDP three years ago; this has been cut to 6 per cent this year, and the Government's aim is to reduce it to 4.5 per cent next year. But Signor Prodi has given a warning that this will require sacrifices and will still leave Italy with a long way to go.

"Europe" has until now been an article of faith for Italy's industrialists and politicians. But *La Repubblica* published yesterday a chart which it said cruelly exposed Italy's pretensions. The chart showed that, while Germany would probably meet 100 per cent of the Maastricht targets and France nearly 100 per cent, Italy would reach only 2 per cent, just ahead of Portugal and Greece which would meet none.

Bratian would meet 22 per cent of the requirements, behind Finland (36 per cent), Denmark (50), Ireland (60), The Netherlands (76), and Belgium and Austria (both 79 per cent).

Signor Veltroni said there was no prospect of Maastricht unilaterally, and any revision of the targets had to be Europe-wide.

Silvio Berlusconi, leader of the centre-right opposition, said the centre-left Government had "come rather late" to the realisation that the criteria were too strict, an argument he had advanced when Prime Minister in 1994.

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by the Russian-Chechen truce signed last week, he was not alone in his condemnation. Covering himself with the authority of the Russian President, Lebed is playing dangerous games with Chechen's sovereignty, which is totally unacceptable," said Sergei Baburin, the nationalist Deputy Speaker of the Russian parliament. He also accused the former army officer of masterminding a "political crime".

Valentin Kuptsov, deputy head of the Communist Party, said the main opposition parties in parliament would demand explanations this week for General Lebed's controversial mission. The left-nationalist alliance wants to know exactly what his powers are and why President Yeltsin is refusing to meet him.

Krasnodar: Firefighters overpowered a man who threatened to set himself on fire to keep his son from being drafted into Russia's beleaguered army. (AP)

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# Palestinian building bulldozed by Israelis

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

WHILE most Arab residents were still sleeping yesterday, Israeli police hoisted a bulldozer over the walls of Jerusalem's Old City and demolished a centre for handicapped and elderly Palestinians.

The demolition inside the Muslim quarter was one of two actions during the day that signalled the start of a tougher policy against the Palestinians by the right-wing Government of the Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

The second came only a few hours after the demolition, when the Government confirmed it had approved the expansion of a Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

Palestinians immediately called a two-hour strike over the demolition of the incomplete building, which the Jerusalem municipal authorities declared was being constructed without a permit. Diplomats and reporters gathered to look at the ruins, watched by Israeli soldiers standing on the Old City's ramparts.

The Jerusalem municipality said there was no reason for the Israelis to apologise. "The building destroyed in the Old City was unoccupied. It was destroyed because it was built without a permit."

But Palestinian leaders said the

demolition meant Israel was no longer interested in peacemaking. "This is a war that has been declared on us. This building was intended to serve Palestinians in the Old City and posed no threat," said Ahmed Hashem Zighayer, a Palestinian legislative council member.

Israeli police countered that the building was being constructed with funds from the Palestinian Authority for use as a social club. Under Israeli-Palestinian peace accords, the authority is forbidden to operate inside Jerusalem.

Haye Sandoval, president of the charity that helped to build the centre, denied this, saying funds had come from private sources, including churches and non-government organisations in Sweden and Canada. He said the building was part of a project that included a handicapped centre, a home for the elderly and a kindergarten.

Some Palestinians believe its destruction was part of a drive by Israel to push them out of the Holy City. Anger was still growing when the Israeli Government confirmed it had approved the construction of a new neighbourhood at a Jewish settlement on the West Bank.

Israel's Defence Ministry said the Government was simply lifting a

freeze on the building plan for Kiryat Sefer, which had been approved by the previous Government. The community of Kiryat Sefer is west of Ramallah, a Palestinian city on the West Bank.

Jewish settlements are a sensitive issue because of Palestinian demands to establish an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But even Israeli peace activists said yesterday that there had been building activity round Kiryat Sefer for some years and it was one of the Jewish communities Israel intended to retain in any agreement.

Palestinians counted a pledge by Israel's Government to ease the closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip as the only positive development yesterday. The promise came from Dan Meridor, the Finance Minister, after a meeting with Maher al-Masri, the Palestinian Trade Minister.

The ban was imposed in March after a wave of suicide bombings by Islamic militants. It prevents tens of thousands of Palestinian workers from entering Israel.

Last week United Nations officials said that, if the closure continued for much longer, it would lead to the Palestinian Authority's financial collapse.



Israeli police workers complete the community centre's demolition

## Municipal polls in Bosnia delayed

FROM REUTER  
IN SARAJEVO

THE American diplomat in charge of elections in Bosnia yesterday postponed voting for municipal assemblies, citing alleged irregularities in Serb voter registrations.

Robert Frowick, head of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe's mission in Bosnia, said he had decided to delay the September 14 municipal polls because they were "not feasible". He said voting would be rescheduled to April or May.

The organisation is charged with supervising the polls under the Dayton peace deal. But Mr Frowick said voting would be held on September 14 for cantonal assemblies, separate Muslim-Croat and Serb parliaments, a national House of Representatives and a three-man presidency.

His decision will affect the Nato-led peace mission in Bosnia whose mandate is due to end on December 20, but will now have to be strong enough to provide security for the delayed elections.



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## Apartheid killer seeks amnesty

FROM REUTER IN PRETORIA

A FORMER South African police colonel was yesterday convicted of six murders and 83 other crimes in the first trial of apartheid-era "death squads".

Eugene de Kock faces life sentences on each murder charge, but could avoid jail if Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission grants his request for amnesty in exchange for testimony against former colleagues. South Africa abolished the death penalty in June 1995.

On Monday at the Pretoria Supreme Court, Judge Willem van der Merwe convicted de Kock of five murders and yesterday found him guilty of blowing up a black activist as well as the attempted murder of his former hit-squad chief.

The judge further convicted de Kock of 66 fraud charges and 17 others, including attempted murder, conspiracy to murder and illegal possession of arms and explosives. The crimes involved massacres and random killings, attacks on township hostels and trains, car bombings, torture, beatings and vendettas against fellow police.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Mother Teresa better

Calcutta: Mother Teresa's health improved significantly on her 80th birthday yesterday, as greetings arrived from around the world. Doctors said they were increasingly confident she would survive her battle against malaria and heart trouble. At one stage she was taken off respiratory support for six hours.

Speaking for the first time since her illness, she said yesterday: "I want to go home. I am anxious who is going to pay the hospital bill." (Reuters)

## Rwandan return

Butare, Rwanda: The final Rwandan refugee camp in Burundi closed as the last of 6,000 refugees left for Rwanda, said a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. (Reuters)

## Jakarta hunt

Jakarta: Indonesian authorities have summoned five more people for questioning in subversion cases connected with last month's rioting in Jakarta, the Antara news agency reported. (AFP)

## Strike deadlock

Harare: Thousands of state employees continued their strikes as Zimbabwe's Government refused to negotiate with sacked union officials over pay claims ranging up to 100 per cent. (AFP)

## In the cage

Perth: Denham Peiris, 32, who dyed cheap parrots and passed them off as rare and costly specimens, has been jailed. He hatched the scam to take revenge on a pet shop that sacked him for theft. (AP)

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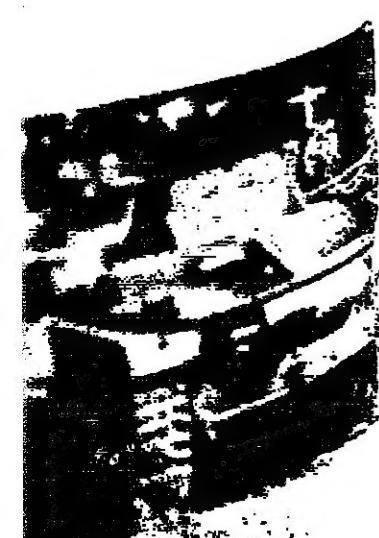
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# Warehouse: still looking good at 20

Iain R. Webb reports on the high street chain that continues to hold catwalk junkies in its thrall



Deirdre McGuire



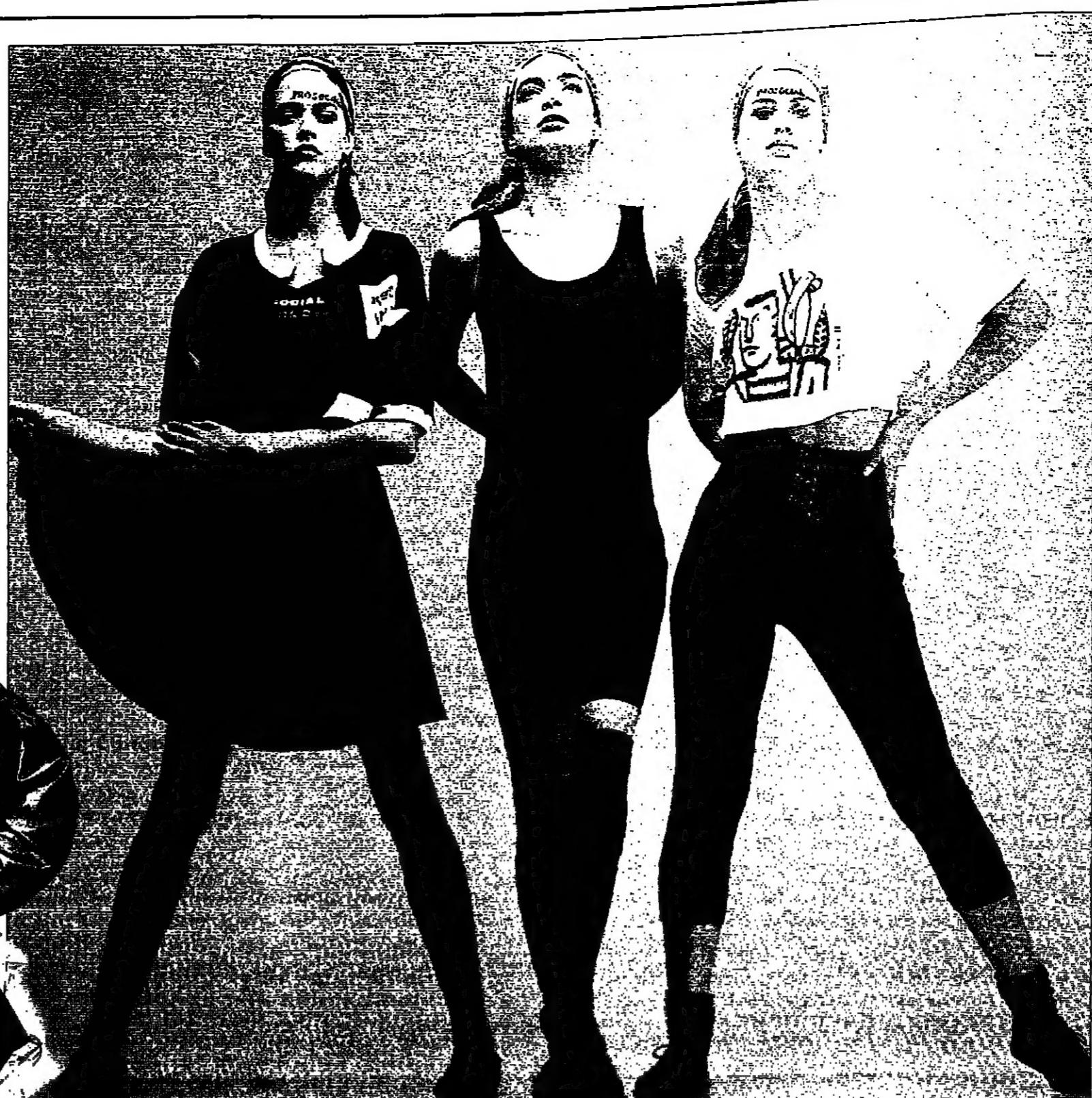
Mandy Smith: "The clothes had a cancan girl feeling"



Lindsay Thurloe



Christy Turlington: cover girl for the ByMail catalogue



Caroline Baker, now You fashion editor, says: "I was known as queen of styling. I used to pile all the bits on — jewellery, over-the-knee socks, the lot"



Naomi Campbell: before she became a household name



David Simms: now the ultra-hip fashion photographer



Chandra North



Tara Green

Martin's College of Art: many now head their own design teams at Jigsaw, Oasis, M&S and Monsoon. The store ran like a warehouse, hence the name."

**Yasmin Yusuf** — fashion director, Warehouse: "I still get a thrill when I see someone wearing one of our outfits. People don't have enough disposable income to buy designer clothes or they want to spend money on their homes, families and holidays. We're not like France or Italy where they wear their wealth."

**Marcus Von Ackermann** — fashion director, French Vogue: "People are always accusing the high street of ripping off designer fashion but Warehouse have their own design studio and their collections are 75 per cent finished when we [the fashion press] go to the collections. They don't get pictures of Dolce & Gabbana and rip it off. I don't think many people realise that. I styled the menswear when Jeff Banks launched it, and I've styled their pictures for the past two years or so."

**John Bishop**, photographer: "The first thing I ever did was a brochure which was one of the first to be done by a design team from graduates from the RCA and Saint

When Jeff did the ByMail catalogue the concept was brand new: now everybody is doing fashion mail order. We photographed all the models before they became household names — Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell, Stephanie Seymour, Andie McDowell — I remember thinking she was really great but who knew that in ten years' time she would be starring in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*? Jeff always got the best out of people. For the models it was a good thing to do."

**Lucinda Chambers**, fashion director, Vogue: "Warehouse was one of the first high street shops that really gave cutting-edge fashion to young girls. The clothes are well cut, a good price and yet still very fashionable. I styled photographs of Tilda Swinton taken by Kim Knott for a tribute to the photographer Norman Parkinson. There was a slim budget but you could do whatever you wanted. We made Tilda look like Georgia O'Keeffe — very classic. I always go to Warehouse to see what's right for now. I would still go there for really good basics — cardigans, skinny polo necks, T-shirts — they are good quality at good prices and the young kids go there

for funky things. It just never stands still."

**Mandy Smith**: "I loved the pictures I did for Warehouse. The photographer, Stevie Hughes, made the shoot and the pictures fun. I was wearing glamorous party frocks. There was a red velvet jacket that

was gorgeous and I remember a pale pink dress which I wasn't overkeen on. They had a cancan-girl feeling which of course I desperately wanted to be when I was young, and a touch of Madonna. I've always admired her so I quite liked that."

**Caroline Baker** — fashion editor, You magazine: "I began working with Warehouse on the ByMail catalogues. Jeff knew what he wanted and he got what he wanted. I remember being stuck in a basement studio during a heatwave. We'd shoot non-stop, 24 different pictures a day. Every outfit had to be styled completely differently. At the time I was known as queen of styling because I used to pile all the bits on — jewellery, headwraps, over-the-knee socks, belts, the lot. Today in styling less is more. Jeff understood the selling power of supermodels — Kristen McMenemy, Cecilia Chancellor, Carla Bruni, Talisa Soto and, of course, Christy and Naomi."

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# Rivals who vie for love



In the final part of our series, Grace Bradberry and Anjana Ahuja report on siblings under stress

## COPING WITH ILLEGITIMACY

**E**llie O'Sullivan was two years old when she was sent away to boarding school, along with her sister Bridget, who was three years older. Their mother did not explain why they could not remain with her. Nor were they told who their father was, though they were led to believe that their mother had once been married.

In fact, they were illegitimate. Their mother, Leah O'Sullivan, a domestic servant at a house in Ireland, had an affair with an older, married man. When Bridget was born, she somehow contrived to carry on the affair, moving to Dublin where her lover, Timothy Daly, also lived.

But with Ellie's birth, she decided to begin a new life in London, and went to live with various sisters who agreed to keep the existence of the two little girls a secret from the extended family.

Several times, Leah took her daughters back to Ireland where they met "Uncle Timothy" without knowing that he was their father.

"We didn't grow up with a sense of shame," says Ellie, now 46. "But I felt something. Our family was very poor, and had never sent children away, and yet we were packed off."

Ellie's older sister became her protector. "I had this expectation that people wouldn't bully Bridget, that they would take her seriously. Of course, that wasn't true because she was a child like me, but just thinking it was enough. Once when I was in trouble at boarding school, I was made to stand in a cold bathroom and she came storming up and demanded that I be put back in my bed. She was eight at the time."

Their experiences created a close bond, but also left them with a curious ambivalence towards one another, something that Ellie explores in her documentaries, one of which is to be broadcast on the BBC.

In hindsight, Ellie is riven by guilt at what she sees as the burden her sister had to bear. "Being older than I was, Bridget knew more and felt more than I did. I still feel



Bridget and Ellie

Ellie, above, and her elder sister Bridget were kept a secret from the rest of the family

guilty that she was exposed to it more. She was my defence against everything. When I was about 23, I remember someone saying to her, 'Are you glad you had a sister?' and she said, 'No.' I was devastated. Now she says it meant nothing, but it upset me and I realised that to have this small person as her responsibility must have been hard."

While Ellie romanticised the circumstances of her birth, her sister Bridget seems to have carried the burden of knowing more.

"It was only when I reached 16 that I suddenly said to my mother, out of the blue, 'You weren't really married, there is no husband'. And she said that no, there wasn't. I was stunned.

"But it transpired that Bridget knew. My mother said, 'I thought your sister would have told you.' And to this day, Bridget and I don't discuss it."

Their relationship is still incredibly close, but it changed considerably during their teenage years. When Ellie was 11, and her sister 14, their mother found a home of her own, and took her daughters home to live with her. They were sent to a secondary modern school and suddenly had many hours of unsupervised time.

"Suddenly we were divided, looked upon as two separate people. Both of us found it difficult."

As they grew into their twenties, the relationship mended itself. Ellie is now married to Peter, and has a daughter, Charlotte, by her first marriage. Bridget lives with Brian, her partner, and has two sons. But their experiences as children still shape how they feel about each other.

"My husband was shocked when he saw how my sister and I behaved when we went to see my mother. Right up until she died in 1983, he said we would be like two small children vying for her attention."

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## Alan Coren



If you want a view of the inner man, I can offer you a deal

**O**ne barren morning, four centuries ago, staring out blankly over what might as well have been Cricklewood for all the good it was doing him, Sir Philip Sidney sat, as countless hacks have ever done, glumly fiddling with his word-processor, unable to get started. That it was the best word-processor on the market — plucked, you may be sure, from a really top goose — made no difference at all, since it could process only if given words to do it with, and words were just what Sir Philip didn't have; so he hunched there, as he morosely tells us, "Biting my truant pen, beating myself for spite." But help, this being 1582, was on the way: Calliope, that emergency plumber of the blocked imagination, spotted a client stymied for opening words, and did not mince her own: "Fool," said my Muse to me, "look in thy heart and write." And, in a trice, Sidney was off and running.

And now so am I. Stuck for an entrance into today's big theme, I too have decided to look in my heart and write. Indeed, I am looking in it as I write; there it is beside my desk, pumping away for all it is worth, which is rather more than I feared it was worth last week, when the video I am currently watching on my desk-side portable was shot. For the heart I am looking in is the radiant star of an angiogram undergone at the Harley Street Clinic to determine whether there was anything wrong with its coronary arteries, and since there wasn't, the clinic not only let me out again, it gave me the film as a going-home present, along with a big bunch of flowers it had thoughtfully put in my room to cheer me up while I lay waiting for the operation; although what they actually did was cheer me down, because, as I waited, I kept imagining how they would look lying on a pine lid.

But now, reprieved, I find myself bang in the middle of today's big theme, as you know, at first light on Monday, Health Minister Gerry Malone sprang from his own freifit cot and ran round to the High Court to obtain an injunction banning the sale of a video entitled *Everyday Operations*. An anthology of the best bits, as it were, from 27 surgical procedures, this jolly item was about to be knocked out at £12.99 in video shops throughout the country to punters apparently eager to sit gobbling popcorn while they watched unwilling NHS patients having their iffy constituents poked, sliced, scooped out and bucketed.

Mr Malone thinks this is, quite literally, a bit bloody much, and he is absolutely right. For while it is perfectly understandable that the viewing public would far rather watch a lung being sectioned or a squint realigned than have to sit through *Sister Wendy's Story of Painting* or the 14th repeat of *Dad's Army*, it is manifestly outrageous that this preference should be exploited by a commercial company for fat profits of which the poor suffering stars themselves get not even a sniff. To wait six years to have your NHS hernia stapled is bad enough, without being cheated of your due percentage of the gate. Aneurin Bevan must be turning in his grave.

**W**hich is why Gerry Malone is barking up quite the wrong tree. What he should be calling for is a comprehensive codicil to those consent forms one is required to sign before surgeons are let loose on one's innards: this would set out everything from the patient's cut of his cut's profits to his billing (below the surgeon's, say, but above the theatre sister's) and his rights in the event of a sequel, e.g. *Hip Replacement II*.

Until the necessary legislation is in place, however, it would be a great pity if the public's taste, whetted to a scalpel's edge by the current shenanigans, were to remain unsatisfied. Which is why it is so happily fortuitous that I happen to know where I can lay my hands on a little something to tide them over. It is neither very long, nor very dramatic, but it is unquestionably very horrible — thus must be the dozenth time I have watched it, and, look, I have broken out in a much sweat yet again — and an absolute snip at £2.99 for an evening's rental. Especially as, by way of an introductory offer, each subscriber will receive, absolutely free and his to keep, a full-colour Polaroid of what may well turn out to be a major ingrowing toenail.

Howard Davies explains why he can never forsake Manchester City — however badly they play

## From birth to Bank, I can't kick my City

In December 1949, a couple of months before I was born, my father wrote, with typical foresight, to his closest friend, asking if he would agree to act as godfather to the imminent infant. By return the friend replied that he would be delighted to serve, but on one condition: that the child, if a boy, was to be brought up as a Manchester City supporter. This was an important proviso, since my parents' was a "mixed" marriage in Mancunian terms: he Blue, she Red. My godfather, a West Brom fan from 40 years before Skinner and Buddie made that unfashionable, had a decent man's horror of Old Trafford.

This documented exchange makes me one of the relatively few Manchester City supporters who can claim a record of allegiance longer than their life-span. And for a brief shining moment in the late 1960s, as Bell, Lee and Summerbee destroyed defences from Newcastle to Southampton, and George Best stood rock-like at the back, this was a proud boast. Since 1976, when we last won a trophy (and even then only the League Cup), it has felt rather different — more like a virulent hereditary disease transmitted in the womb, condemning its victim to a life of suffering and remorse.

So the events of the past week — two

embarrassing defeats at the feet of Bolton and Stoke, and the loss of yet another failed manager — are just the latest twist of the knife. Not a crisis, not a cathartic moment promising better times around the corner, rather a further limp along the road to Accrington Stanley.

For being a Manchester City supporter is not quite like other sporting affiliations. It is not an easy row to hoe. Indeed sometimes it is close to impossible. For some years, the London branch of the supporters club, to which I belong, was excommunicated by the Manchester parent as the result of an incomprehensible internecine squabble, making it impossible for us to buy tickets in the usual way.

And that's not all. Which other club would, as City did this March, hold a sell-out 500-seat dinner to celebrate 20 years without a trophy? Which other club would, as City did in May, come

back from two goals down against Liverpool in the season's last game, then instruct the team from the bench to play for time on the basis of a misheard radio report suggesting that they needed only a draw to stay up — and then realise with only five minutes to go that they needed another goal?

Which other club, with one outstanding star player called Kinkladze, would ensure that a week before the season starts the souvenir shop has no iron-on letter Ks for its replica shirts? (My small sons, with the stoicism they will surely need in future years, settled for "GIO".)

So why bother? Why not change horses? Why not follow the example of the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, Sir Terence Burns, who forsook his roots, when North-East football appeared to be in a terminal condition a few years back, to follow then trendy QPR?

However tempting it might seem, I couldn't do it. Not just because the

burns manoeuvre — with Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough all in the Premiership and QPR rebuilding in the Nationwide — now looks misjudged.

Rather, I think, because there is a perverse satisfaction to be had from Maine Road which keeps me, and others like me, loyal through thick and thin.

My sons and I have convinced ourselves that there is something uniquely virtuous about supporting a club which offers so little return: the satisfaction earned from caring for an ungrateful relative, or tinkering for days with a bike you know you'll never ride again. An activity where the pursuit is its own reward: all foreplay, never reaching the baseline, so to speak.

We deprecate the meretricious antics of those who favour clubs which promise success, dismissing them as "glory supporters", satisfied only by the facile pleasures of goal-scoring and victory, blind to the purer rewards which lie in

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marched (some of them supported by their sons and grandsons) on Michigan Avenue. There was a Civil War museum in the Public Library building with regimental banners and arms and mementoes. The fathers of some of our teachers had fought in famous battles. Mrs Jenkins at the Sabin School was the daughter of a soldier who had survived the Andersonville prison-camp. Immigrant children were often passionate readers of Civil War history. They argued over the campaigns of Grant and Sherman. They were often highly emotional about Lincoln. Some of them were to take their children later to visit Civil War battlefields.

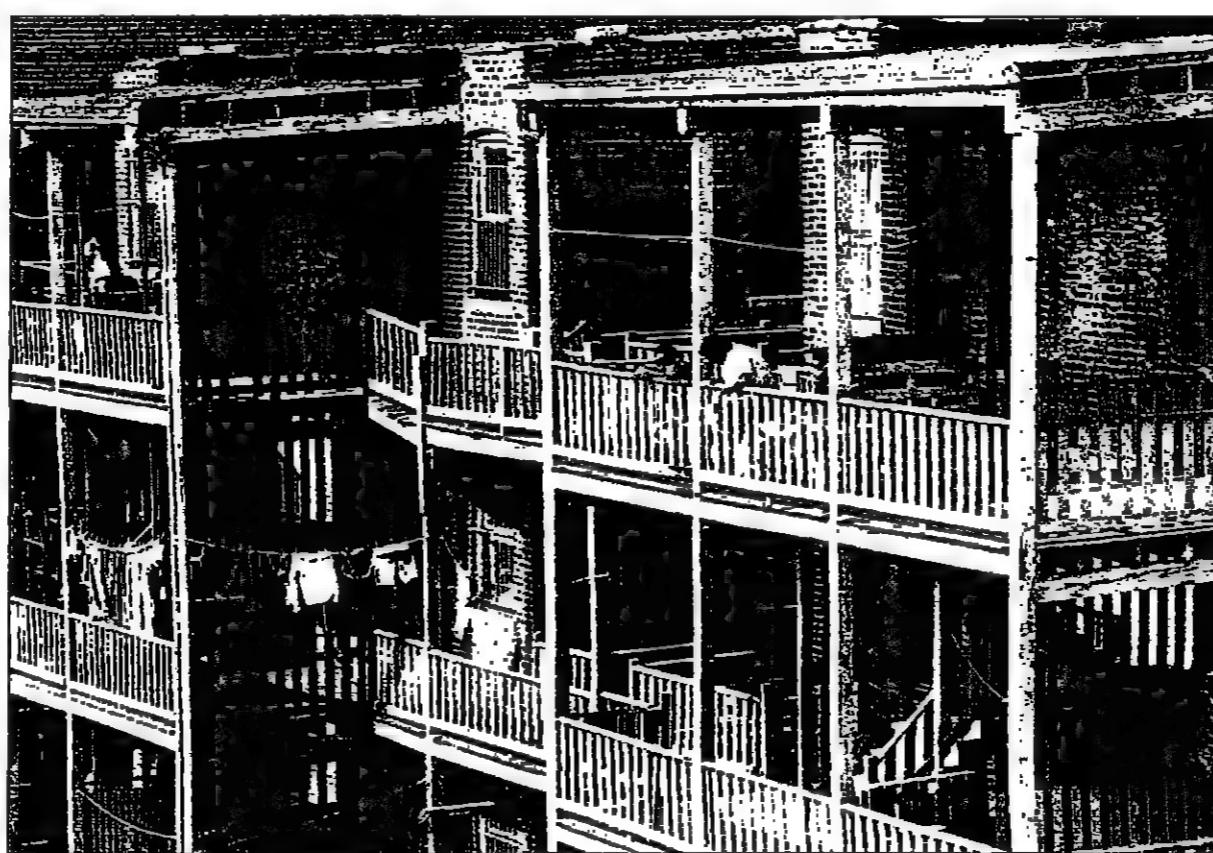
**O**ur own grandparents, locked up in the Pale of Settlement on Russia's western frontier, had never so much as heard of place names like Antietam or Vicksburg. But their descendants, the children of my generation, were educated to believe in the American project. It was presented to them in a language foreign to their ancestors: it encouraged them to assume that as free persons, politically and legally equal, they were parties to a rational covenant that made the history of the United States of America their own history. This was our native adolescent conviction. What we learn in Civics and in American History classes would have to be revised and modified, but it was never to be reversed.

I am well aware that to hard modern thinkers all this will sound perversely simple-minded, sentimental, nostalgic. Modern cosmopolitans and philosophical sophisticates will remind me that the culture of Chicago, this string of industrial villages called a city, was too ugly and clumsy to be anything but a non-culture and that the neighbourhoods where immigrant peasants and labourers lived were more parochial than the Eastern European and Balkan villages they came from. On our side of the Atlantic these are working-class neighbourhoods in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, and so on were also rich in hatred and viciousness; but the higher culture developed in Germany (or Russia or France) did not keep the Nazis, and the populations of the countries their armies occupied, from participating in the murder of millions of men, women and children.

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## Old Chicago's turbulent past

Saul Bellow reflects on his home town's love affair with democracy and its dalliances with the Democrats



The old "string of industrial villages", consisted of a geometrical arrangement of distinct neighbourhoods

sitting in the kitchen when the printed flyers were handed out to the kids he had recruited. "Why are you doing this?" she said. "Mother, he came through for me when I was up against it. I owe him full support. I gave the man my pledge."

This balding, fair-haired man, heavy in the back, was sweating with earnestness. He was a stand-up guy, he was much moved. But of course he was a party man and belonged to the machine.

Of course we followed presidential politics. Chicago was often chosen by the great parties for their national conventions. It was in Chicago that Lincoln was nominated by the Republicans. General George McClellan was chosen in Chicago by the Democrats to run against Lincoln in 1864.

Chicago was the greatest host city.

We were all aware of its historic importance, we knew how consequential, how momentous, how central Chicago was — the heart and vital core of America.

Calvin Coolidge had told us that the business of America was business — and hotels, restaurants and department stores did indeed thrive on national conventions.

An official was appointed to meet distinguished travellers at the Dearborn Street Station. Greeted by

the newspapers called him. He wore a vanilla-cream suit and a broadbrimmed white hat and was photographed welcoming Hollywood stars, big-time politicians, presidential hopefuls, baseball players and beauty queens. *Boozing* was the slogan of those times. "Boost. Don't Knock" we were told. "Lay down your hammer, grab a flag."

While voters saw the local politicians as pitchmen for snake oil, they took national politics seriously. They were, in retrospect, surprisingly patriotic.

Chicago was once described as a string of industrial villages. Back in the Twenties and Thirties it was exactly that — a city of German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Ukrainian, Bohemian, Scandinavian, Jewish, Greek, and Negro neighbourhoods. The layout was geometrical — like a doodle by Euclid himself: eight city blocks to the mile; every fourth street a car-line. Running north, south and west were elevated trains. From these, the passengers viewed the backyards and the wooden stairs and porches of the standard six-flats of the city. The commonest trees were cottonwood elms; the commonest flower the geranium. The city was famous for its slaughterhouses and packing plants. "Hogbutcher of the world", as Carl Sandburg wrote (as

much an advertising slogan as a line of verse).

The huge mail-order houses — Montgomery Ward on Chicago Avenue. Sears Roebuck on Arthington Street — had their national headquarters here. Agricultural machinery was exported from Chicago to every part of the world.

The steel mills blasted night and day; the drop-forges (punch presses) made a thought-annihilating thunder.

In an election when, say, Herbert Hoover was nominated by the Republicans, and Al Smith by the Democrats, you learnt that the string of industrial villages — the melting pot, if you prefer — did take national politics seriously.

I remember going to see a school friend, Joey Sugarman, on Division Street. From the convention hall the radio was broadcasting the traditional roll call of the states. Joey's father, a big, bearded, Orthodox Jew, a shocker or ritual slaughterer, was calling out the names of the states in alphabetical order, singing them out like a cantor, just ahead of the radio. "... Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts ..." Very red in the face, very proud of his citizenship.

On Memorial Day, Polish veterans of

the First World War gathered in uniform at the Division Street entrance to Humboldt Park. During the Twenties, old men who had fought in the Civil War

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Until the necessary legislation is in place, however, it would be a great pity if the public's taste, whetted to a scalpel's edge by the current shenanigans, were to remain unsatisfied. Which is why it is so happily fortuitous that I happen to know where I can lay my hands on a little something to tide them over. It is neither very long, nor very dramatic, but it is unquestionably very horrible — thus must be the dozenth time I have watched it, and, look, I have broken out in a much sweat yet again — and an absolute snip at £2.99 for an evening's rental. Especially as, by way of an introductory offer, each subscriber will receive, absolutely free and his to keep, a full-colour Polaroid of what may well turn out to be a major ingrowing toenail.

## Health scare



she was keeping her options open according to Peter Griffiths, former deputy chief executive of the NHS: "She stood up right at the end of the meeting and looked the Secretary of State in the eye and said quite explicitly 'If we decide to proceed with these reforms, let nobody in the room be in any doubt who will be held responsible if they don't work' — and walked out."

### Style leader

ISN'T it wonderful that Tony Blair has been voted the most admired man of the summer and a stylish sex symbol by a racy Italian magazine for well-heeled ladies?

The news coincided with an article in a Sunday supplement about his wife Cherie. It pictured her devotedly helping him dress for a dinner by attaching a clip-on bow-tie.

Personally, I've admired the Labour leader's sense of style ever since I came across this picture of him relaxing at home in a stunning combination of flip-flops and white socks, set off by weathered jeans and a Jermyn Street tie.

### Fruit and nut

YESTERDAY'S hijack drama brought to mind the steady determination with which Margaret

Thatcher saw off a similar crisis in 1982 when a hijacked Air Tanzania Boeing landed at Stansted. Her secret weapon? Christmas cake.

At the height of the action, she marched into the Cabinet Office briefing room where security chiefs and ministers were weighing the options. Appalled to see that they



Italian fashion idol

hadn't eaten, she popped back to No 10 and picked up three Christmas cakes which had been sent to her by loyal constituents. Refuelled, the security wallahs quickly came to a decision on their course of action and the hijack problem was solved.

A colourfull era on the polo field has drawn to a close. At the age of 64, Major Ron Ferguson has decided he has played his final chukka after a career of 42 years. The father of the Duchess of York, who represented England in the 1960s and early 70s was the Prince of Wales' polo manager until being released in the wake of publicity surrounding life out of the saddle. "No more matches this year, so that's it now," he says.

### Booked again

ERIC CANTONA, the footballer, kickboxer, film actor and *soi disant* philosopher on contemporary fiction. He has been singing the praises of a gritty new novel about a teenage footballer knocked down by a drunk driver. Essex author Jon Eagle, a veteran behind the bars of Chelmsford pubs, asked Cantona to run his eye over the proof. "I enjoyed reading it very much. *Red* is a fine example of

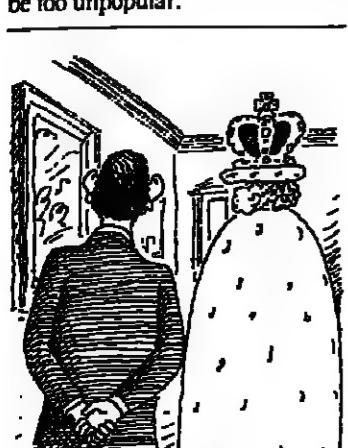
contemporary fiction and an excellent novel," was the verdict of the Manchester United captain, who until recently displayed only the most hesitant command of English.

### Graze in

ART NEWS: a gallery is to open in West London with plans for a live cow (NB Damien Hirst) grazing in pasture as its central exhibit. Henry Dent-Brocklehurst's sister Mollie is one of three partners behind P-Inc, the gallery of London's Ladbrooke Grove.

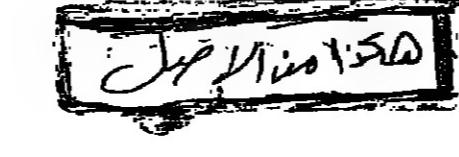
Mollie has cut a swathe in art circles in New York, where she works for a gallery. With business partner Josh Briggs, she has chosen the artist Christopher Landini to open with a show focusing on the relationship between humans and animals and their environment". Not a drop of formaldehyde, she insists, and definitely no BSE.

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"I don't think we should rush things, Camilla"

Clarke persuaded Thatcher but



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## PRISON DISCIPLINE

The penal system has benefited from reform

The search for a scapegoat is natural in politics. The botched release of 86 prisoners last week, the rapid reversal of the policy and the ensuing uncertainty have precipitated demands for the resignation of Richard Tilt, the Director of the Prison Service, and the Home Secretary, Michael Howard. The paper chase of documents related to the release policy does not so far lead definitively to any single culprit. Instead, it again provokes broader questions about the relationship between the ministers who set the policies and the men who run the prisons.

Since the Prison Service became a Next Steps Agency in April 1993 it has attracted special controversy. Reformers faced a coalition of vested interests who were upset by the move and anxious to protect the culture of a failing system. Then the Home Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, recognised the truth: that prison governors were inclined to indulge the Prison Officers' Association and that prison officers were inclined to indulge the inmates. As in so many areas of the public sector, the Government was right to tackle institutions that were run for the convenience of those on the inside and not in the interests of those on the outside.

In health, education and social security, the devolution of responsibility from Whitehall has produced real efficiency gains. Attitudes have changed as private sector expertise has supplanted public sector complacency. Market disciplines have seen resources allocated more wisely and managers act more imaginatively.

The Prison Service has been taken down the same path, albeit at a more faltering pace. There have been improvements since agency status was established: escapes are on a downward trend, conditions have generally improved and money has been used more effectively. These reforms have been accompanied by a welcome emphasis from Michael Howard on the need for prisons to

make their first duty the protection of the public. The combination, however, of structural change and a criminal justice system geared to incarcerating more dangerous offenders has placed strains on prisons.

Reform rarely easy. The more pressing the need for change, the more difficult it can be to enact. Prison officers, anxious to preserve their privileges, backed by a penal establishment unhappy that decades of liberal orthodoxy were being challenged by Mr Howard, have sought to exploit events to derail government policy. Neither lobby has shown itself as sensitive to public concern about crime as ministers. Both deserve to have their complaints treated with a proper scepticism.

The creation of executive agencies was designed not only to improve efficiency in the public sector but transparency too. The occasionally blurred borders between ministers and mandarins were to be replaced by clear divisions of responsibility: the Government was to frame policy and executives were to oversee its implementation. It has not always been easy to define exactly where the division rests. Confusion has handed political ammunition to the Government's enemies. But the creation of agencies has at least made matters more open. Contrary to current myth, ministers were previously only too happy to shelter behind the pinstriped camouflage of their civil servants.

There is room for refinement. Agency executives could make themselves more accountable to public representatives, possibly through the Commons Select Committee system. But the best safeguard of the public interest is likely to be a more eager embrace of the philosophy that has driven reform. The gradual growth of market pressures, governed by effective regulation, is the most effective guarantee of improved performance. The Government should not lose sight of that essential principle.

## THE BRITISH WAY

Safety for crew and passengers, stiff penalties for the crime

The calm and highly professional handling at Stansted airport of the hijacked Sudan Air flight has averted the death or injury of nearly 200 passengers and crew. The peaceful outcome vindicates the Government's decision to accede to the hijackers' demands to be flown to Britain. Hijackers have blown up aircraft in the past, as the Iraqis who seized this plane had threatened to do if grounded at Larnaca. MPs who say that permitting it to land here puts Britain at risk of becoming a prime destination for future hijackers should ask themselves whether, simply because there were no British citizens on board, they would have been content for that reason to put the lives of these people at risk.

The "epidemic" theory of hijacking takes little note of the great rarity today of a crime that in the early 1970s accounted for a third of international terrorist incidents. Would-be hijackers have been deterred by anti-terrorist technology and by the remarkably unified determination of governments to make this a crime that never pays. Greatly improved airport security has been backed by exemplary penalties, exacted whether or not the political motives of the hijacker would otherwise inspire sympathy.

Of the two previous hijackings which Stansted had to deal with, in 1975 and 1982, the first originated in Manchester. In the second case, an Air Tanzania Boeing 737 had landed successively at Dar-es-Salaam, Nairobi, Jeddah and Athens before the hijackers gave themselves up at Stansted. None of the countries involved viewed the arrival of that aircraft with equanimity: each decided, as Britain did yesterday, that the safety of passengers must be paramount.

Britain has never been a destination of choice. Provided that yesterday's Iraqi

hijackers are treated with the rigour that their crime demands, there is no reason why it should become one now. The seven men arrested are expected to seek political asylum. They may well argue that they never intended any harm to either crew or passengers and that their sole purpose was to seek refuge in this country. They may be entirely sincere. The Home Secretary should turn a deaf ear. Whatever the motive — and Iraqis have better founded fears of persecution than the nationals of almost any other country — hijacking is a crime that can never be other than disproportionate. It should be excluded from the curious provision in British law that makes it possible for those accused of criminal acts to claim asylum.

The easy option for Mr Howard is to accede to demands to expel them to Sudan. This he should also resist. They have been arrested in this country and under British law have the right to a fair trial. To expel them to Sudan would be tantamount to summary execution. Sudan's record of respect for due process is appalling and Iraq's even worse. Because of the intimate relations between Sudan and Iraq, they could be delivered over to Baghdad where torture and execution would be their certain fate.

But they must be subjected to the full severity of British justice. The Crown should seek the maximum penalty for hijacking, which in this country is life imprisonment. If convicted, they should serve their full sentences. The Essex police have confirmed Britain's reputation for bringing hijacking incidents to a bloodless conclusion. That is a matter for pride. It is equally important now to reinforce Britain's reputation as a country that does not weaken before this abhorrent form of criminal blackmail.

## GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

A mathematician praises madness

The co-existence of genius and madness has been long recognised. More contentious is the claim that insanity can itself be an aid to genius. Yesterday John Nash, the eminent mathematician, insisted that his 15 years of schizophrenia had improved his output. Delivering a paper to the 10th World Congress of Psychiatry in Madrid, Professor Nash admitted in his youth to having suffered from acute paranoia, hearing voices and telephone calls in his head and seeing crypto-communists everywhere. Although he was intermittently kept in hospital, his mathematics went from strength to strength. This was the result, he claimed, of being able to transcend normal rational thought and engage in "ultra-logical thinking".

For a game theorist such as Professor Nash, this seems an odd claim. Game theory, after all, works on the assumption that players will make rational choices. Economists using the theory have to assume that companies want to maximise their profits; arms control theorists have to assume that countries do not want to be obliterated. Perhaps the absence of rational thought elsewhere in Professor Nash's mind allowed him to compensate in the one area that required it.

According to psychiatrists, mental illness on the whole destroys creativity while a propensity to mental illness encourages it. Borderline schizophrenics may be extremely creative, as their state of mind triggers unusual trains of thought and unusual

ways of looking at things. These are just the leaps of imagination that mathematicians need. The illness has a large genetic component, and studies have shown that relatives of schizophrenics tend to be more creative than average.

Abstract mathematics, and its cousin, abstract philosophy, are lonely professions. Unlike science, they cannot be pursued in a team. The two disciplines tend, therefore, to attract introverted people who do not always find it easy to sustain normal relationships. Some may even be on the cusp of mental stability. Professor Nash cited the examples of mathematicians such as Alan Turing, Kurt Gödel and Emil Post. Isaac Newton underwent a period of schizophrenia in which he accused Locke of trying to embroil him with women. Those who are most gifted at abstract thought often find their intellectual prowess matched by emotional inadequacy. Among those philosophers who never married are Newton himself, Descartes, Locke, Spinoza, Leibniz, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche and Kierkegaard.

Most poignantly, Professor Nash questioned whether "curing" mad geniuses was even desirable. In an echo of Peter Shaffer's *EQUUS*, he said that a return to rationality could be the source of "great pain" particularly if the sufferer's talents were thereby diluted. Luckily this mathematician regained his mind without losing his brain. In 1994, he won the ultimate accolade: a Nobel Prize.

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## Remand time as part of sentence

From His Honour Joseph Dean

Sir, Is it possible that the lawyers advising the Prison Service have overlooked Section 104 (the interpretation) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 (letter, August 26)? Section 104 (2) states that:

For the purposes of any reference in this Act, however expressed, to the term of imprisonment . . . to which a person has been sentenced or which, or part of which, he has served, consecutive terms and terms which are wholly or partly concurrent shall be treated as a single term.

This can only mean that the length of any sentence of imprisonment which, under Section 67 of the Act, is to be reduced by any period already spent in custody, refers to the total length of the sentence passed by the judge. Thus remand time can only be deducted once against the totality of the sentence.

Yours faithfully,  
JOSEPH DEAN,  
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From Mr Colin Farrington

Sir, The causes of the repeated financial and administrative problems in the Prison Service are:

1. Misguided attempts to detach the service from its natural home within the Home Office, with its constitutional, criminal justice and legal expertise, and to pretend that it can be "operationally independent".

2. Appointments to its top positions of former prison governors who entered what they thought would be a social-service career, but who have finished up as administrators.

The Prison Service needs to return to a proper framework of accountability, run by career civil servants who can maintain a critical distance from staff in the field, who know how to do effective battle with the Treasury and who understand how to sustain a proper working relationship with ministers.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Access to the Bar

From Mr Roger Everest

Sir, *The Times* is to be congratulated for publishing Neil Addison's article, "Easy access to the Bar — as there once was" (Law, August 20).

Conclusively it blows away the myth that the defence solicitor has a vital part to play in the administration of justice. In my 25 years' experience as an advocate in criminal law the accused is more often than not badly served by his solicitor — often recruited for him by the police while he is in custody.

Mr Addison's argument for allowing those accused of crime to have direct access to a barrister is unanswerable. This will become increasingly more practical as barristers join the Internet.

Yours truly,  
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## Student barristers

From Mr Eain Fowell

Sir, Your report of August 13 attributed the sharp fall in the pass rate for student barristers to poverty among the student body. Having just completed the course, I disagree.

Comparatively few students take up part-time work, many preferring instead to claim unemployment and even housing benefit, attesting that the course involves less than 25 hours per week.

There is no evidence that those with extra jobs do less well, and anecdotal evidence actually suggests the reverse. Last year, for example Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, successfully completed the course, despite the disruptions of the Liberal Democrat Economic Affairs portfolio.

In any event, funding has changed little recently, so it is a poor excuse for the drastic decline in the number of passes. The most obvious explanation, much as the Dean of the Bar School would have us believe otherwise, lies in the selection policy for the Bar vocational course, which has changed twice in the last two years, each time for the worse.

In its latest manifestation, once again the work of outside educationalists, a candidate's selection is heavily determined by his or her degree result. While this sounds fair, it rests on the fashionable assumption that all degrees of a given class are of equal merit, irrespective of the institution awarding the degree, or of how long ago it was awarded, or even in what subject it was taken.

I would have hoped that the dismal results of this policy would have prompted a rethink, rather than simply more pleas for funding.

Yours faithfully,  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Practical means to clean up the air

From the Director of the British Geological Survey

Sir, Given that restricting the use of cars is not seen as a viable option for improving air quality in British cities, I hope that the use of liquified petroleum gas (LPG) as a fuel [report, August 22; letters, August 24] will receive serious consideration. I used an LPG car for several months last year in Australia and found its performance excellent and the running costs half that of a conventional petrol-driven car.

LPG produces no particulates, benzene, no 1,3 butadiene and little, if any, sulphur dioxide or nitrogen dioxide. Its byproducts are carbon dioxide and water. The range of a car on LPG is about 200 miles. Holland has been using LPG for road transport for many years. In eastern Australia most taxis and an increasing number of cars are powered by it [there, LPG is about half the price of petrol, a consequence of low taxation].

The cost of converting a conventional petrol-driven car to LPG is probably of the order of £1,000 to £2,000, giving a pay-back period of perhaps two to four years depending on the distance travelled and the cost of LPG. New cars with dual LPG and petrol are even more cost-effective and convenient.

Like all fossil fuels LPG is a finite resource, but the UK currently produces more LPG from the North Sea than it uses. In 1994 we exported more than a million metric tonnes. The use of liquified natural gas (LNG) may be an option for the future as there are vast resources of natural gas in the UK and worldwide. However, there are major technical problems to be overcome before LNG is an alternative to LPG for transportation.

To encourage the shift to LPG the Government should consider making a commitment to continue taxing it at a lower level than petrol or diesel. Any cost to the Exchequer in forgone income would probably be more than offset by the savings to the National Health Service from the decrease in

the number of cases of asthma and cancer.

Yours faithfully,  
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August 22.

From the Chief Executive of London First

Sir, In unveiling its national air-quality strategy the Government has addressed an issue which has been neglected for too long. Air pollution in London, for example, is now at unacceptably high levels, affecting Londoners' health and our competitiveness as a world-class city.

The Government admits, however,

that there will still be up to a 10 per cent shortfall on its own targets for reducing the pollutants mainly found in diesel. London First believes that with some help from the Treasury, cleaner fuels and technology can play a vital role in closing this gap.

A comprehensive package of fiscal incentives, including alterations to the current fuel duty and vehicle excise duty, are needed to encourage the greater use of cleaner fuels such as ultra-low sulphur diesels, which would reduce harmful emissions.

Industry has already taken a lead in tackling the growing problem of air pollution in the capital. Over 100,000 vehicles have signed up to London First's Clean Air Charter, a series of practical steps designed to reduce emissions from company fleets.

Now Government must do its bit by helping this process along. The success of the differential fuel duty in promoting the use of unleaded petrol is testimony to the effectiveness of fiscal incentives. November's Budget will be an opportune time for the Chancellor to deploy them here.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Human tragedy as spectator sport

From the Director of Toc H

Sir, It is rare, if ever, that a day passes without a report in your pages covering the unfolding of yet another human tragedy. Whether it is the plight of the civilian population in Chechnya, the terror of young children incarcerated in a Belgian cellar, or the stabbing of a priest in Liverpool.

Whilst politicians and so-called experts pronounce on what is wrong with our society, and what is needed to reinvoke the traditional values and standards they believe we have lost, I am left wondering how long it will be before we, the ordinary people, follow the example of the late Rabbi Hugo Gryn [obituary, August 20; letter, August 22] and stand up to be counted on these issues.

Ironically it is often these same politicians and "experts" who are the ones to argue the case for further liberalism without, apparently, any thought to the consequences in terms of the human misery that so often follows.

As we run up to the next general election here in the United Kingdom the main political parties vie with each other to champion the cause of re-establishing moral standards and family values. But can they be believed? The examples that are given to us by leaders both here and overseas hardly leads one to this conclusion.

The media must also bear some responsibility for turning the sort of issues that I have referred to into what one might best describe as a spectator sport as far as the man in the street is concerned. No wonder that organisations like Toc H, endeavouring to uphold and promote through their work the values and standards that others say they yearn for, have to struggle to be heard.

Yours faithfully,  
MIKE LYDDIARD,  
Director, Toc H,  
1 Forest Close, Wendover,  
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.  
August 24.

### But is it art?

From Mr Roy Barley

Sir, During a visit to the Rijksmuseum I was privileged to stand before the portrait of Maria Trip painted by Rembrandt in 1639. It is an exquisite work of art and whilst gazing at it for 40 minutes so I was moved to tears by the breathtaking beauty and technical brilliance of the great master.

Contrast this if you will with my recent visit to the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy where there was hardly a painting in my opinion, that was worth more than a cursory glance.

I have attended all of the Summer Exhibitions for the last 20 years and have witnessed the decline in the quality of the exhibits. Why so? What has happened to the art of painting? Surely the selection committee have lost their way (if not their marbles).

This annual self-indulgence has nothing to do with art



## COURT CIRCULAR

**ST JAMES'S PALACE**  
August 27: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Salthouse Head, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, at noon.

### Birthdays today

The Duke of Argyll, 59; Mr M.A. Arthur, diplomat, 46; Sir Kenneth Berrill, economist, 76; the Right Rev J.F.E. Bone, Bishop of Reading, 66; Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, former High Court Judge, 87; Mr John Carlisle, MP, 54; Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, former chairman, Police Complaints Authority, 77; Miss Imogen Cooper, concert pianist, 47; Lord Cudlipp, 83; Professor Wendy Davies, historian, 54; Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, author and publisher, 89; Sir Godfrey Hounsfield, inventor of EMI-scanner, 77; Mr Evelyn Hughes, footballer, 49; General Sir William Jackson, 79; Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor, Bristol University, 57; Dr Joseph Luns, former Secretary-General, Nato, 85; Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, 75; Mr Jamie Osborne, jockey, 29; Sir Christopher Paine, president, Royal Society of Medicine, 61; Sir Thomas Scrivenor, former colonial officer, 88; Mr J.J.L. Sheffield, former chairman, Portals, 58; Mr John Shirley-Quirk, bass-baritone, 65; Sir Peter Thornton, civil servant, 79; Professor Roger Williams, hepatologist, 65.

### School news

**Westminster School**  
The school year begins today at the Great School and on September 3 at the Under School. There are 945 members of the School, 675 in the Great School and 270 in the Under School. Mr D.L. Edwards succeeds Mr C. Clarke as Headmaster of Granary. Mr G. Griffiths succeeds Mr Edwards as Headmaster of Ashburnham, and on the departure of Mr P.B. Hamilton to the Headmastership of King Edward VI School, Southampton, Miss F.M.E. Freddie becomes Headmaster of Wren's. Following the appointment of Mr A. Hobson to the post of Grammatikos, Mr J.A. Mylne takes over as Head of Classics; Mr R.J. Pyatt has become Head of English in succession to Mr Griffiths; Dr F.M.R. Ramsey becomes Head of History, and Dr G.P.A. Brown is the School Librarian; Mr J.M. Baird becomes Composer in Residence and is succeeded as Director of Music by Mr G.S.D. Hopkins; Mr P.D. Hargreaves becomes Head of Sixth Form Studies; Mr C. Clarke takes up a new appointment as Senior Tutor; Mr D. Herring-Brown, Mr B.J. Smith, Mr N.J. Maloney, Mr J. White, Mr S. Hood and Mr J.N. Hooper are joining the Great School staff. The Captain of the School is L.G. Kyriacos (College), and Salome Leventis (Halkiys) is *Profecta Oppidana*. Performances of *The Magic Flute* will be given up School on September 23, 25 and 27. The Elizabethan Club Dinner is on October 8. Exeter is from October 13 to 28. Commemoration in Westminster Abbey will be on November 22. The Brock Lecture will be given on December 4. The School Carol Service is in Westminster Abbey on December 9. Play Term ends on December 11.

### Joan Thirkettle

A Memorial Service for Joan Thirkettle will be held at noon on Tuesday, September 3, 1996, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4.

### Church news

The Rev John Widdas, Vicar, Tamworth, to be Vicar, Walsall Wood (Lichfield). The Rev Smart Worth, Rector, Uplowman Axmouth (Exeter); to be also a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral.

### Anniversaries

**BIRTHS:** George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham, statesman and royal favourite, Brookby, Leicestershire, 1592; Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, dramatist and scientist, Frankfurt am Main, 1749; Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, novelist, Dublin, 1814; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, Birmingham, 1833; Robert John Strutt, 4th Baron Rayleigh, physicist, 1875; George Whipple, pathologist, Nobel laureate 1934, Ashland, New Hampshire, 1878; Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1940-49, Farnham and Cromarty, 1884; Karl Böhm, conductor, Graz, 1894; Charles Boyer, actor, France, 1899; Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate 1972-84, London, 1986.

**DEATHS:** St Augustine of Hippo, Hippo (Annaba, Algeria), 430; Hugo Grotius, jurist, Rostock, Germany, 1745; Alessandro Count of Cagliostro, adventurer, fortress of San Leo in the Apennines, 1795; John Leyden, poet, Cornell, Djakarta, 1811; William Smith, geologist, Northampton, 1839; Leigh Hunt, essayist and poet, London, 1859; Prince William of Gloucester, killed in an air crash, Hatfield Green Airport, near Wolverhampton, 1972; John Huston, film director, Newport, Rhode Island, 1987.

Wagner's opera *Lohengrin* was first performed at Weimar, 1850.

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Nearly 150 venues across Britain will be offering ancient attractions on the weekend of September 14 and 15, all aimed at children. "The aim of this annual event is for young people and their families to see archaeology in action and take part in activities," said Juliet Mather, YAC's coordinator.

"Last year's events attracted over 40,000 visitors," she said.

This year, Marks & Spencer is funding the publicity and promotion of National Archaeology Days.

Sites to visit range from the Stone Age caves of Cresswell Crags near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, with "Ice Age discovery events" to the Victorian industrial archaeology of the Crossness beam engines at Abbey Wood in outer London.

Shipwrecks along the Sussex coast are explained at

Stonehaven, 1880.

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Information and schedules from: Juliet Mather, YAC, Tel. (01904) 67147, fax 67134.

Anthony Ralph Babington, of

## PERSONAL COLUMN

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### BIRTHS

**BIRMINGHAM** - On 25th August 1996, to Ursula (née Millward) and Mark, a son, Christopher. **WEST** - On 26th August, to Philip and Catherine (née Legous) a son, Edward. **GWYNNE** - On August 10th, to Suzanne (née Ingman) and Nigel, a son, Andrew Charles, a daughter, Sophie. **SHROPSHIRE** - On August 26th, to the Portland Hospital, to Claiate (née) Taylor and Glyn, a son, Rufus. **MARY** - On 24th August, to Deborah (née Freedman) and Alexander, a daughter, Eva Rachel, a sister, for David. **CLAWEY** - On 26th August, to Jane (née Heywood-Lindale), a daughter, Emily. **THOMPSON** - On August 24th, to the Portland Hospital, to Linda (née) Thompson and Alan, a son, William George, a daughter, Emma. **CLARK** - On 24th August 1996, to Deborah (née Freedman) and Alexander, a daughter, Eva Rachel, a sister, for David. **DAVIES** - On 25th August 1996, at the Portland Hospital, to Ingrid and Graham, a son, Christopher, a daughter, Emily Catherine, a sister for Daniel. **ESKERJIAN** - On August 22nd, to the Portland Hospital, to Susan (née Moore) and David, a daughter, Sophie. **FRANCIS** - On August 23rd, to the Portland Hospital, to Louella (née Crommelin) and Jeremy, a daughter, Lydia. **GRIFFITH** - On 19th August 1996, to Lucinda (née Taylor-Young) and Gavin, a son, Douglas, brother for Jenkins. **HAGG** - On August 23rd, to the Portland Hospital, to Lucy (née) and Michael, a son, Edward, a daughter, Sophie. **KIGHT** - On 19th August 1996, to Lucinda (née Taylor-Young) and Gavin, a son, Douglas, brother for Jenkins.

### DEATHS

**JONES** - On August 22nd 1996, at home, to Candida (née Jones) and daughter, Anna Margaret Hamilton. A sister for Christian and Sebastian, and a sister for Lewis and Lydia.

**LUKAS** - On 20th August, to Dennis and Harry, a son, for Archie, Iona and Karen.

**FAIRHAM-WALEN** - On Saturday, August 24th 1996, to Dennis and wife, a son, Dennis (late copie) and John.

**REES** - On August 24th 1996, to Sarah Jane (née o'Farrell) and husband, David. **SCOTT** - On 24th August, to Donald, a son, Christopher, a daughter, Fiona.

**SEALIN** - On August 23rd, to the Portland Hospital, to Clare (née Blyth-Vickers) and Martin, a daughter, Sophie.

**SAMBO** - August 23rd, at the Portland Hospital, to Linda (née) and Sam, a son, Sherborne. **ST** - On 23rd, a son, Peter, a beautiful girl, a sister for Adam Huwia and a daughter, Sophie.

**SCOTT** - On 24th August, to Barbara (née) and David, a son, Christopher, a daughter, Fiona.

**THOMSON** - On August 24th, to Valerie, a son, Christopher, a daughter, Fiona.

**WALSH** - On 9th August 1996, to Elizabeth (née Ballance) and David, a daughter, Sophie.

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**TUGMAN** - On 21st August, to Monica, Victoria, to Richard and Jennifer, a son, Christopher Upton.

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## OBITUARIES

## HIS HONOUR JAMES ROSS

**His Honour James Ross, QC,** former senior circuit judge, died on August 17 aged 83. He was born on March 22, 1913.

**A**s a barrister James Ross appeared in some of the more celebrated cases of his time, including the 1969 trial of the Kray twins. He represented Anthony "Tony" Lambrianou, accused of being involved with Reggie Kray in the murder of Jack "The Hat" McVitie — whose body has never been found. Lambrianou, who was subsequently jailed for 15 years, published his autobiography five years ago, describing himself at the time as a reformed gangster.

A year after the Kray brothers' trial, Ross was in the news again when he appeared for Lord Leigh's chauffeur William Waite, who was charged with murdering his wife with arsenic. Waite was also convicted and jailed and had his appeal turned down — although it was a case which Ross was always upset over losing.

Ross was elevated to the bench 25 years ago, after which he continued to make the occasional headline. He tried a petrol bomber after the 1985 riots in Handsworth, Birmingham, and went on in the following year to make a far-reaching decision on the issue of drink and driving. He upheld a conviction by Birmingham magistrates of a motorist who had passed a police blood test four hours after a fatal accident.

Ross turned down an appeal by the driver, agreeing with the magistrates' acceptance of a "back calculation" by forensic scientists which claimed that the defendant would have been over the legal alcohol limit at the time of the accident.

Yet Jimmy Ross — as he was known to close colleagues at the Bar — met with the shocked disapproval of his family when he first declared his ambition to become a lawyer. Born in Edinburgh, he was the son of a distinguished Scottish surgeon who had turned to specialise in anaesthesia after seeing how soldiers suffered at field hospitals in the First World War. Ross's grandfather had also been a surgeon of equal eminence, and so many of his other forebears had been



doctors that everyone had simply assumed he would follow suit. He went to Glenalmond School, thence to Exeter College, Oxford, before being articled to a solicitor in Colne, Lancashire. Qualifying in 1938 he practised for several years as a prosecuting solicitor before being admitted by a friend to read for the Bar.

After being called by Gray's Inn in

1945, he quickly built up a flourishing practice on the Midlands circuit, specialising in criminal law and personal injuries. His career even survived an attack of tuberculosis for which forced him into a sanatorium for 12 months, and he went on to take silk in 1966.

Ross accepted a number of other posts while at the Bar. He became a

legal member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Birmingham in 1962 and deputy chairman of the Agricultural Land Tribunal in the East Midlands a year later.

He was recorder of Coventry and also deputy chairman of the Quarter Sessions in Lindsey from 1968 until 1971 — the year in which he was made a judge. A county court, then circuit judge until 1985, he was a senior circuit judge from then until his retirement two years later aged 74. He also served as a member of the Parole Board, 1974-76, and was honorary recorder of Coventry, 1978-85, and of Birmingham, 1985-87.

James Ross was highly regarded both as an advocate and a judge; his decisions were very rarely questioned. His manner could be blunt and forthright. "I get the message guy," one client said after he had outlined his case to Ross, QC. "You reckon I'd better cancel the milk."

But if Ross could be stern when required, he was also scrupulously fair and tried to be as generous as possible in his sentencing. His own precepts were reflected in his valedictory advice on his retirement: "Remember first that the man in the dock is a human being; secondly, that despite all appearances, counsel are there to help you; and thirdly, that even judges make mistakes."

His dry sense of humour and his gift as a raconteur were widely recognised. As a young newly-qualified lawyer, he once successfully defended his future wife Clare in a magistrates' court after a farmer complained that her dog had been worrying his sheep. A newspaper romantically claimed that they had met this way. But in truth they had already done so while indulging in their mutual passion for mountaineering — usually in the Lake District.

After recovering from TB, Ross also took up sailing, pottering up and down the Solent in his boat. But Parkinson's Disease began while he was still sailing on the bench and increasingly took hold in later years. Four years ago, not long before the death of his wife, he moved into the nursing home where he died.

James Ross is survived by a daughter.

## FRANK NIX, GC

**Frank Nix, GC,** coalminer, died in hospital in Chesterfield on August 8 aged 82. He was born on April 22, 1914.

FOR his bravery in striving for two hours 2000ft underground at a Derbyshire colliery to release a colleague who had been trapped by a roof fall, Frank Nix was awarded the Edward Medal (later translated to George Cross) in 1944. At that time a pit deputy, Nix was in charge of the night shift at Pilsley Colliery, in Derbyshire, when, at around 4.30am on April 18, 1944, the coalface suddenly caved in.

One of the team of cutters who were at the time extracting coal from the face, Ernest Vickers, was trapped when the huge machine which carried out this task was bent and twisted as the ceiling sank inexorably. Total disaster impended. Only the steel structure of the coal cutting machine was, at that point, propping up what threatened to be a massive subsidence.

Nix was at that time more than a mile away underground, was summoned and arrived at the run with three other men. He immediately had a temporary pit prop knocked into place to relieve the pressure on Vickers's head, which was on the point of being crushed.

By this time nearly all the pit props in the vicinity of the accident were bowing and beginning to crack, threatening a complete cave-in. Sending his fellow workers back to safety, Nix skilfully reset these, a difficult task since the roof of the tunnel had sagged to give him only a few feet of headroom, and he had to work virtually prone. Shortage of oxygen, dust and knowledge that at any moment the ceiling might collapse, entombing him and Vickers, made this a fearful task.

After resetting a dozen props, Nix was able again to force his way through to where Vickers was trapped. But a fresh fall of earth had cut the two men off from each other. Nix therefore had to scuttle his way through the earth to reach the miner, and after much more careful work which involved selective dismantling of the structure of the machine to allow him to be extricated, was able to bring Vickers to safety. The rescue was a matter of applied intelligence as well as bravery. At any moment, a wrong decision about which of the parts of the machine to cut through and which parts of the face to reinforce would have precipitated disaster.

After two hours of sweaty work done in the most



claustrophobic of circumstances, Vickers was cut free and brought to the surface. In spite of his ordeal he was suffering from nothing worse than shock and bruising, the former admittedly severe. The Edward Medal which Nix was awarded for his bravery and resourcefulness was gazetted on November 21, 1944.

Frank Emery Nix was born at Tibshelf, Derbyshire, and educated at Alfreton Road School, before going down the pit on the nightshift at Willington Colliery at the age of 14. In the economic climate of the times a full week's employment was often difficult to come by for a newcomer, and when he was not down the mine Nix worked as a part-time film projectionist at a local cinema.

Subsequently he worked down the Tibshelf Bonny pit, before going to Pilsley. In the meantime he had embarked on further studies at Mansfield Technical College and took his overman's certificate. In the early 1940s he became a pit deputy.

As such he was responsible for keeping pits in working order and he was working in this capacity at Pilsley on the morning of April 22, 1944, when the accident which won him his decoration took place. He went to Buckingham Palace on February 10, 1945.

With the shrinkage of the coal industry in the post-war period he was made redundant in the mid-1960s. But it was found that his pit closure programme which necessitated the retrieval of a great deal

of equipment from the exhausted seams under hazardous conditions, required skills such as his, and he was soon re-employed as a colliery overman. He worked on salvage teams throughout the Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire coalfields for another dozen or so years, before retiring finally in 1974 after 51 years service in the industry.

In 1971 the Edward Medal (like the Albert Medal) had been revoked by Royal Warrant, and its holders became GCs. All were invited to exchange their insignia for that of the George Cross, but like several EM holders, Nix declined. His Edward Medal had been pinned on him by the King, he said, and he was content that it, not the insignia of the GC, should continue to symbolise the occasion on which he had won it.

In retirement Nix lived with his wife Katharine in an old station master's house at Pilsley, where he delighted in working his vegetable garden, which he kept in an immaculate condition. He was also a keen cyclist and, as a young man in the days of the Depression and short working hours, had often taken part in a miners' ride from Tibshelf to St Nevers and back, a round trip of 130 miles. A devout Christian, he was a staunch supporter of his local Methodist church. A very private man, he could only with difficulty be persuaded to allude to the deed which had earned him his decoration.

He is survived by his wife and by their son.

## THE REV MICHAEL NAPIER



**The Rev Michael Napier, Superior of the London Oratory, 1969-81, died on August 22 aged 67. He was born on February 15, 1929.**

FOR 15 years the Superior of London's Brompton Oratory, the Rev Michael Napier was a deeply traditional churchman and a gifted administrator. As Superior he successfully steered the Oratory through the troubled years that followed the Second Vatican Council, maintaining the full splendour of a liturgy magnificently celebrated in Latin and with splendid vestments, while adapting to the new rite of the Mass promulgated by Pope Paul VI. With his acute aesthetic sensibilities, it was Napier who was largely responsible for shaping the Oratory into the distinctive Roman Catholic church it is

today, the focal point in both the spiritual and social life of an extensive urban parish.

He also served as Apostolic Visitor of the confederation of the oratory, and in this capacity travelled all over the world, advising oratories from the Americas to Eastern Europe, from the diminishing ancient foundations in Italy and Spain to growing houses in Canada and Poland.

The demands of this post were difficult ones. An Apostolic Visitor, though his powers are wide, must respect the autonomy of each house. He must inspire trust in those of very varied backgrounds, advising them on both spiritual and financial problems. The fact that Napier was, most unusually, elected twice to this position indicated that he performed his duties particularly well. His success owed much to his command of the French.

Indian and Spanish languages, but more to his ability to be firm without being heavy-handed.

Michael Scott Napier was born in India where his father, Major-General Charles Scott-Napier, was then serving. His

formidable sense of discipline was due in some measure to his military background. He was baptised into the Church of Scotland, of which his father was a member, although his French mother was later to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Napier was educated at Wellington and, after National Service, at Trinity Hall, Cambridge where he read Architecture. His contemporaries might not have suspected that this elegant and somewhat frivolous young man was to become a prominent figure in the Catholic Church. But it was at Cambridge that he first seriously encountered the Catholic faith. He was rigorously instructed by Monsignor Alfred Gilbey, who was to remain a lifelong friend, and, in 1952 received into the Church by Canon Alfonso de Zulueta at

the Holy Redeemer, Chelsea.

Oratorians are a small congregation founded by St Philip Neri. They are not members of a religious order, but secular, and they live in the community. Napier joined the London Oratory in 1953 and was ordained priest five years later in Rome where he had studied at Beda College. He was elected Superior of the Brompton Oratory in 1969 and served four consecutive three-year terms.

Napier had always shown a great interest in music and architecture. This found fulfilment in his long service to the London Oratory, a handsome example of neo-Baroque church architecture. In 1982 he launched a vast appeal to renovate the church and maintain its musical traditions.

As a young man he had travelled throughout Italy, and his election to the post of Apostolic Visitor in 1981 gave him the opportunity further to explore the country, where he made many friends.

His knowledge of Italian art was recognised in his being invited to preach the sermons at the Requiem Masses celebrated for Sir John Pope-Hennessy in London and New York. He was elected to a second six year term as Apostolic Visitor in 1987.

Napier was active in the charity Aid to the Church in Need, which has been of crucial importance to the Eastern European church. He was chaplain *ad honorem* to the Knights of Malta and chaplain of the Constantinian Order of St George.

Last year he suffered a severe heart attack, but afterwards returned to his extremely active life at the London Oratory. The Sunday before he died he preached one of his characteristic sermons, notable for their clarity and absence of hyperbole. He suffered a stroke while about to say Mass, but remained conscious while receiving the Last Rites.

Neville Wadia, Indian industrialist and philanthropist, died in Bombay on August 1 aged 84. He was born on August 22, 1911.

FOR the followers of Zoroastrianism — the Parsees, as they are popularly known — the *nayav* ceremony has a special significance: it is the occasion when the male Parsee is formally initiated into the faith. In 1993 Bombay witnessed an unusual *nayav*: instead of a pre-adolescent boy, it was a venerable octogenarian, Neville Wadia, who was formally admitted into the Parsee community. Neville Wadia's grandfather, Adersher Curjejee Wadia, was the first Indian to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, and his father was knighted in 1920.

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## THE DEATH ROLL OF NIAGARA

The melancholy death of Captain Webb has led to the publication in one of the New York journals of a record of the most memorable incidents and disasters connected with the Niagara Falls. Some of these fatal and romantic incidents we shall briefly reproduce.

The number of suicides at the Falls has been very large. On one occasion a man leaped from the bridge, 192 feet, into the current, and is believed to have died before reaching the water. For 50 feet he fell like a plummet. He then began to turn over, and dropped apparently lifeless on the water. A woman who witnessed the accident, and who was swimming in the river, saw the man and swam to him, and tried to pull him ashore. She was unable to do so, however, and the man drowned.

The woman then swam to the bridge, and was able to pull the man ashore. She then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in the water, and who had been pulled ashore by the woman who had saved Captain Webb, then swam back to the water again, and pulled another man ashore. This man was Captain Webb, who had leaped from the bridge. He was unable to swim, and was drowning. A woman who was swimming in

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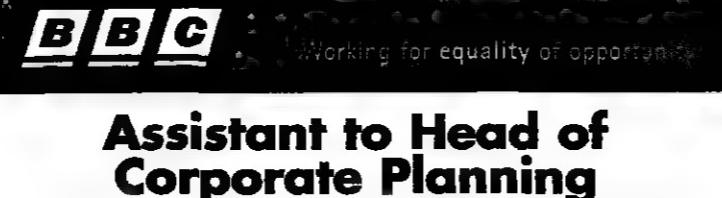
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# Management in £84m buyout of BPMS

BY OLIVER AUGUST



Mason: pleased with the terms

AMEC, the engineering and construction group, yesterday announced it is to spin off its stake in BPMS, the facilities management company, in an £84.6 million management buyout.

Amec and Pell Frischmann, its Swiss-owned partner, will both sell their 50 per cent shareholdings in BPMS to a newly formed company financed with funds arranged by CVC Capital Partners.

The present executive board of directors is expected to continue running BPMS, supported by new appointments by CVC. Peter Mason,

Amec's group chief executive, said: "BPMS has been an excellent investment, but I am pleased with the terms reached in the disposal of our 50 per cent interest."

BPM's decision to go it alone is seen as a move to position itself favourably in one of the UK's fastest-growing sectors already overpopulated by newcomers.

Analysts said BPMS will want to compete for more private sector contracts on top of its existing contracts with government departments. Simon Brown, facilities management analyst at UBS Securities, said: "They can manage anything from IBM to the local corner shop."

The action is where companies upsize or downsize. It's a tough game to play. The Government, especially the NHS, is screwing down the prices it is willing to pay."

Amec will net a total of up to £38.3 million from the sale of its BPMS stake made up of a £7.5 million pre-sale dividend, £27.5 million in cash, £1.9 million of deferred consideration and a potential further payment of £1.4 million. It said the sale would resolve strategic conflicts with other Amec businesses and would enable the group to develop its facilities management activities in wholly owned businesses.

In the year to September 30, 1995,

BPMS reported turnover of £36.6 million and profit before tax of £15.5 million. Amec's trading in the year to date has been broadly in line with the board's expectations and it expects to announce its latest interim results on September 5.

In another development in the facilities management sector, the Ministry of Defence awarded its first contract to have administrative services on one of its warships managed by an outside company. Amey Facilities Management will receive £21 million to manage cleaning, mail, catering, accommodation and transport services on HMS Nelson in Portsmouth over the next five years.

## Daewoo in drive for zero-hours contracts

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

DAEWOO, the Korean car manufacturer, is to become the first motor company in Britain to introduce controversial zero-hours contracts for some of its UK employees — employment deals which guarantee no hours, or pay.

The move marks a significant extension into heavy industry of the employment practice of unspecifiable-hour contracts that has previously been concentrated in the high streets. The Labour party is pledged to outlaw zero-hours contracts, under which employees are taken on, but remain at home until they are called in to work, usually with little or no notice.

Daewoo's move reflects the company's decision, after its move into the UK two years ago, to adopt a different strategy on the marketing and selling of its cars in Britain — and specifically the establishment of its own chain of car dealerships. The company employs its current staff of around 1,000 on a salaried basis, with no commission, to create a different and less aggressive climate in which its cars are sold. The company is already enjoying much lower levels of labour turnover than are common in the industry.

The new zero-hour staff, employed as part of the plan to double the UK labour force by the end of next year and paid only when they are working, will help to meet Daewoo's marketing commitment to service customers' cars free for three years. As part of this plan, Daewoo will use zero-hours staff to collect vehicles from customers, deliver re-

placement courtesy cars and then return the original vehicles.

Peter Ellis, Daewoo Cars human resources director, who signals the move in an interview in *Personnel Today*, the specialist magazine, says the policy will require a great deal of support at each outlet. He says: "We do not want people simply standing around, so we are looking to employ mature people who are available for work but not necessarily anticipating work. We are looking at a lot of zero-hours contracts."

Staff will be listed at each dealership. The company envisages paying them pro rata in line with full-time staff. Daewoo has already piloted part-time working — unusual in the motor industry — at showrooms in Crawley, Rochdale and Edinburgh, and has as a long-term vision of only about a third of its staff being full-time, supplemented by part-timers covering peaks in demand.

Opponents of zero-hours contracts see them as the ultimate in the labour market flexibility favoured by the Government and argue that they exploit people often already in a vulnerable employment position.

Last year, Burger King, the fast-food company, moved away from zero-hours contracts, pioneered in Britain by retail firms such as Burton, after facing public criticism for asking staff to clock off during slack periods. The company paid considerable compensation to the staff involved.



Christine Dunn, the Stock Exchange's director of operations, overseeing the launch of Sequence, the new £81 million computerised trading system. Market report, page 24

## Court win gives boost to BAT

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

SHARES in BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services company, began a bounce-back yesterday after victory at the weekend in a vital anti-smoking case in the US.

BAT shares rose 10.5p to close at 436.5p after a court in Indiana threw out a damages claim. The ruling spurred a rally in US tobacco stocks on Monday, reversing some of the damage suffered after defeat for the tobacco companies in another damages action, the Carter case, two weeks ago.

BAT said the verdict was proof that the tide had not turned against the tobacco companies and claimed it provided further evidence that its appeal against the Carter case, which awarded damages of \$750,000 to a former smoker and his wife, would also succeed.

BAT, meanwhile, responded critically to a move by President Clinton to allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco as a drug.

The company said that it would take legal action to fight the move and related plans to impose tough new advertising restrictions on the industry.

Speculation in the US that Congress was preparing legislation offering tobacco companies legal immunity in return for a multi-billion-dollar payout was also being played down by the markets yesterday.

The tobacco companies said that they were unaware of the idea.

## Bruntcliffe chief given reprieve by court ruling

BY JASON NISSE

A SHAREHOLDER revolt to oust Mike Wallis, the chief executive of Bruntcliffe Aggregates, has been stalled by a High Court ruling.

The company has disenfranchised its second-largest shareholder, Jersey-registered Mineral & General Investments, so it may not vote or receive dividends for its 9.3 per cent stake. M&G has been disenfranchised since December 1994, when Bruntcliffe said it was not satisfied with M&G's answer to a notice under section 212 of the Companies Act demanding to know who was the beneficial owner of its shares. M&G said its owner was Soldius, a Swiss company.

Soldius shares are held in bearer form, so that the holder of the shares is the owner.

On Friday, in the High Court, Master Dyson refused to reinstate M&G's shareholder rights and has sent the whole matter for trial. It is likely to be the first test of the ability of companies' draconian powers to disenfranchise shareholders.

Bruntcliffe believes that M&G is controlled by two of its former directors, Anthony Hanson and Paul Kaye, who own 13.7 per cent of the group's shares in their own right. They deny this, but wish to join forces with M&G to oust Mr Wallis.

## Avonmore poised for expansion

FROM EILEEN McCABE  
IN DUBLIN

ARMED with a strong balance sheet and good earnings growth, Avonmore, the Irish food group, is planning further expansion in Europe and the US.

Yesterday the company reported a solid 11.1 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, to £11.10 million, in the first six months of 1996. Turnover was up 6.6 per cent and earnings per share increased 11.1 per cent, to 16.6p. The 16.6p interim dividend, payable on October 9, was up 8.6 per cent.

Brendan Graham, group secretary, said the results showed the company was "strongly positioned to grow the business through acquisition and organic growth".

## Banks look into national cash machine network

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

THE UK's clearing banks are considering linking up their ATMs systems to produce a nationwide network of more than 20,000 cash dispensers.

At present, the banks' dispense cash through three separate networks. The Mint network has about 6,000 ATMs that service Midland, Natwest, TSB, Clydesdale and Northern Bank customers.

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Grade defends Channel 4 status quo  Lenders pay price of dodging risk  Asda chief makes room for politics

**THERE** is something Churchillian about Michael Grade, Channel 4's chief executive. It might be his love for large cigars or his ability to adopt a forceful pose. Or it may be his language when defending the channel against the pagan hordes who would wish to take a giant step to subsidise ITV companies or, worse, privatise the channel itself.

"I will fight with every breath of my body to avoid the privatisation of Channel 4," he told an audience at the Edinburgh television festival on Monday. Faced with this sort of resistance, the Government might as well give up now. But even if Mr Grade, looking at the possibilities for enrichment that a privatisation would present, should change his mind, the risk/reward ratio of privatising Channel 4 hardly makes it worthwhile.

The first issue is how much is the channel worth. More than £1.5 billion, says Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank. That is three times the channel's 1995 advertising revenue of £448 million, and implies sustainable pre-tax profits of £100 million. Anthony Fry, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, argues that to maintain the channel's programming standards, it would have to spend a good £400 million on programmes, so cutting the value to less than £1 billion.

Mr Fry, who cut his teeth privatising the electricity industry, points out that every pound saved on programming could add £15 to the value of the channel on the open market. However strictly the Channel 4 remit is written within the articles of association, the temptation to turn Channel 4 into ITV2 once it is privatised would be hard to resist. Since Mr Grade took control and Channel 4 started selling its own advertising airtime, there has been a feeling among the chattering classes that the channel is becoming overly commercial. This process would be accelerated by any sell-off.

And then there is the issue of takeover protection. Takeover bids are enough of a contentious issue within TV without adding in the messy factor of protecting a channel specifically set up to deliver an alternative. What would people say if Carlton, Granada or even Bertelsmann wanted to snap it up?

Finally there is the question of who owns Channel 4. Is it the Government? Is it ITV? Or is it like the TSB and suddenly some-

one would find that it owns itself so it would end up with the money. Would it have to pay off the ITV companies to compensate them for losing their annual rate-off? The company is one created by statute so the issue is far from clear.

What is clear is that privatising Channel 4 is a political minefield in which the Government will be accused of fiddling with a successful business which happens to deliver what it is supposed to. Given the current climate at Westminster, Michael Grade does not look like he will have to fight them on the beaches just yet.

#### Indemnity dilemma

**MORTGAGE** indemnity insurance has caused untold misery for insurers and homebuyers alike. Insurers have paid out billions of pounds to building societies and banks for the falling value of homes against which they lent, and then pursued the poor evicted borrowers for compensation.

Unlike most insurance policies



where the policyholder pays an insurer to take the risk, mortgage indemnity policyholders have been forced to pay the premiums in order to get a loan when they have less than 25 per cent of the purchase price, and to pay for any loss suffered by the insurance company. From the consumers' standpoint, it is hard to fathom how the insurers managed to lose so much.

Now, as the housing market recovers and losses on residential property seem to be a thing of the past — at least for the next year or so — a mortgage lender has recognised that there is something wrong with the traditional mortgage indemnity policy. It may also have sensed a selling opportunity. NatWest has

launched a mortgage guarantee insurance that will not see so many homebuyers hounded after repossession to pay back any loss on their homes. Those who lose their jobs, their health and their spouses by death or separation will not have to stamp up for any decline in the value of their homes when repossessed. It may be not all that generous, but it is a move in the right direction and should cover the vast majority of the cases where an indemnity policy pays out.

As each set of house price statistics seems to bring 100,000 homebuyers out of negative equity, lenders are not yet quite brave enough to risk lending to first-time buyers without the safety net of indemnity insurance. But they do want a bigger share of the mortgage market. They also want to encourage today's first-time buyers to move on in a year or two and have found that mortgage indemnity insurance, which adds thousands of pounds to the purchase price — even second time around — can prevent buyers from moving on. This lender-created form of negative equity

will be reduced by rebates, but as lenders insist on someone else taking the risk it will never be a happy market.

#### Norman sidles to the checkout

**NO ONE** at Asda is encouraging the thought that Archie Norman will check out. Yet the boisterous chief executive's ascent to the chair of the rejuvenated supermarket group looks like a prelude to reducing his commitment there from next year.

The Asda story is a classic example of how to knock a basically sound business back into shape. Mr Norman has helped to make almost as much for shareholders as for himself in the process, but future profit growth may be more mundane.

At 42, he has therefore become the headhunter's dream: successful, still youthful, potentially available and extremely expensive. As a dedicated Conservative and natural communicator, Mr Norman himself shows a yen for politics. He already claims to have helped to end the Net Book

Agreement and tried the same on medicines. When the EU banned British beef, gormantic Asda banned foreign beef.

Having cashed in options, Mr Norman can afford to take on politics as Michael Heseltine and Peter Walker did a generation ago. But he does not appear to see much point being an MP on the losing side next year. In other words, he is only interested in running a department.

Future Tory victors might have other ideas. Mr Norman is the sort of intolerable bright spark who terrorises lesser executives into clearing their desks, giving up their company cars and having hour-long meetings without chairs to cut out the chitchat. Tory parliamentarians would surely insist on breaking him in for five years before giving him a sniff of office.

#### Go for growth

**WILD** horses cannot stop a chief executive from talking up his share price. William Landuyt, incumbent boss of Millennium Chemicals, shortly to be set adrift from Hanson, is undeterred by the sagging Hanson share price. Describing Millennium as a growth stock deserving a low yield, he has promised a share buyback by the year 2000. Golly. The shares are not trading on their own yet.

#### OFT examines software duo

## Sage's £27m bid for Pegasus may be referred

By KEITH RODGERS

THE proposed £27 million takeover of Pegasus, the accounting software supplier, by Sage Group, its larger rival, may be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after an investigation into their combined market share by the Office of Fair Trading.

Sage made a 425p-per-share conditional offer for Pegasus more than three weeks ago. Pegasus turned down the offer, arguing that it undervalued the

company's trading prospects and the benefits of a merger. Sage is now understood to be considering making a formal offer after sounding out institutional investors.

The OFT has approached Sage to obtain further details of the offer and is expected to examine the market positions of the two companies. Referral to the MMC will depend partly on the way it defines the market — although the overall accounting software sector is

quite fragmented, the companies have more than 30 per cent of the market and are believed to have a dominant position in sales of accounting software for personal computers.

Jonathan Hubbard-Ford, Pegasus's chief executive, said that Sage dominated the low end of the pc market and estimated that the combined group's share of the more expensive modular accounting software market would be around 70 to 75 per cent.

Mr Hubbard-Ford said: "If you put the two markets together, you have an overwhelming proportion of sales between the two companies. We've had a number of dealers, users and third-party observers writing in or calling to communicate their fears as to what would happen if Sage and Pegasus merged."

Sage disputes the estimates and Paul Walker, chief executive, said Pegasus's figures did not differentiate between sales of licences to new users and upgrades for existing customers, adding that there is "enormous choice" in the non-retail pc market. The company, which argues that the OFT inquiry is standard practice, said it has taken advice from economists and is "absolutely confident" about its case.

Sage has made no further public comment about a potential takeover since it revealed details of the conditional offer three weeks ago, beyond indicating that it would prefer to avoid a hostile bid.

Analysts expect it to hold fire until Pegasus unveils its interim results tomorrow. Pegasus shares had been trading at between 320p and 340p before the 425p-per-share approach was made.

Sage is thought to have made as many as five informal approaches to Pegasus in recent years. It is understood that it last expressed an interest during an extraordinary boardroom battle at Pegasus in 1992, when Mr Hubbard-Ford was temporarily ousted, but withdrew when shareholder pressure resulted in his reinstatement.

Pegasus has already attracted controversy. When its shares doubled on their first day's trading, critics claimed the London, Tilbury & Southend service had been sold on the cheap. The company has also had a run-in with the rail union RMT after it proposed replacing ticket inspectors with private security guards.

## Prism in line for rail franchises

By PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Prism Rail, the first stock market traded rail operator in nearly 50 years, continued their precipitous climb yesterday as the market had its first chance to react to the latest business coup of the company, which is listed on the Alternative Investment Market.

Prism has now been named as the preferred bidder for two more rail franchises — the South Wales and West region, with services running on 1,569 miles of track, and Cardiff Railway, with 88 miles. The deals will roughly double the size of Prism's business, which currently consists of running the commuter line service from London to Tilbury and Southend.

Shares in Prism ended the day 50p higher at 300p. This means they have tripled in value since Prism joined the Alternative Investment Market.

Prism will have to raise about £12 million to pay for the two new franchises. Yesterday Prism said that it expects to price the necessary rights issue at 240p a share.

After completing final checks on Prism's offer, the Office of Rail Passenger Franchising expects to confirm the award of the franchises in mid-September. Prism saw off rival bids from a management buyout team, from Great Western Railway, and from Mersey County Travel, a bus company.

The South Wales & West network extends from Cardiff and Bristol to Manchester, Birmingham, Portsmouth and the West of England. The region generates passenger revenues of about £40 million a year. It employs nearly 1,400 people.

Cardiff Railways runs services to Rhymney and Merthyr Tydfil in the Welsh valleys. Annual passenger revenue is about £6 million, and the business employs 315 staff.

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Prism has had to agree with a leading UK venture capitalist firm, the group said yesterday. The sale price approximates to the book value of the 15 businesses concerned, including attributable goodwill of £80 million.

In 1995, the businesses had sales of £264 million and ongoing profits of £21 million after adjustment for central items, and a normal pension charge of £4 million.



John Bourke, left, Peter Fitzpatrick, finance director, and Roy Douglas, chief executive, right

## Irish Permanent pleases market

FROM EILEEN McCABE IN DUBLIN

IRISH PERMANENT, Ireland's largest mortgage lender, where John Bourke is chairman, continued this year's run of sparkling results from the republic's banks, with an increase of 16.8 per cent in interim pre-tax profits.

The £223.3 million pre-tax profit figure was more than £1 million ahead of market expectations.

Earnings per share were 15.9p, compared with 13.8p for the first six months of 1995. The company declared an interim dividend of 14 pence, up 14.3 per cent on the same period last year, and payable on October 24, 1996.

In spite of intense competition in its core mortgage business, loans for new homes for the first half jumped to £246 million, up from £168 million for the first six months of 1995.

The company's entry to both markets coincides with one of the most sustained periods of rapid growth ever experienced by the Irish economy.

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## Deadline at Lloyds Chemists

By PAUL DURMAN

THE COMPANY that buys Lloyds Chemists could face substantial difficulties meeting the bid requirements imposed by the Department of Trade and Industry, it was claimed yesterday.

UniChem and Gehe, the two companies bidding for Lloyds, have been asked to give undertakings that they will sell several of Lloyds' pharmaceutical wholesaling depots.

Richard Piggott, finance director of Philip Harris, a pharmaceutical distributor that has made indicative offers for some of the depots, said: "The MMC have got themselves into a hell of a mess." Mr Piggott stressed that these offers are based on only sketchy financial information. "The successful bidder has only three months to get rid of these depots. They have got to get rid of them, or else the deal fails."

The company expects to incur exceptional reorganisation costs of £6.5 million, which will be provided for in the current-year accounts.

Compass, which will meet the bulk of the purchase price through the issue of 10.2 million shares at 573p each, said it will turn the operation around within months by reducing overheads and extending its own higher-discount purchasing agreements to the new business.

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## Service America deal for Compass

By KEITH RODGERS

COMPASS, the catering group, continued its aggressive acquisition spree yesterday when it agreed to acquire the outstanding shares of Service America's food operations.

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the US. Two years ago it bought Canteen, the American contract caterer, and it recently agreed terms to acquire the outstanding shares of Service America's food operations.

The company, which sold its healthcare arm to a management buyout team last December, indicated earlier this year that it will concentrate its takeover activity on bolt-on acquisitions in the catering field.

Compass confirmed that there will be some staff cuts after the acquisition from the merger of backroom functions.

Ron Morley, Compass's secretary, claimed the company has the top slot in the US vending market and is number three in the overall catering arena.

Payment terms include a cash sum of £5.3 million and loan notes of £12.9 million. The share payment will be made in instalments over two years.

## Caradon selling 15 businesses for £200m

By OLIVER AUGUST

CARADON, the building and materials supplier, is selling most of its European engineering and distribution businesses in a deal worth around £200 million.

Outline terms were agreed with a leading UK venture capitalist firm, the group said yesterday. The sale price approximates to the book value of the 15 businesses concerned, including attributable goodwill of £80 million.

In 1995, the businesses had sales of £264 million and ongoing profits of £21 million after adjustment for central items, and a normal pension charge of £4 million.

turnaround in fortunes after taxable earnings last year slumped to £14 million, from £201 million in 1994. The group has launched a restructuring programme in which 1,600 jobs have been lost from a workforce of 26,000.

Caradon has had to combat the effects of the sharply declining domestic market, while last week's German interest rate cut should boost the German market. In March, Mr Jansen gave warning that the group was expecting difficult trading in the first half of the year although he said there was "some light at the end of the tunnel".



Jansen: disposals "in keeping with group's stated strategy"

## Speciality takes control

By KEITH RODGERS

MAIDSTONE, Nottingham and London's Victoria Speciality has a reputation for its hands-on approach to site management, concentrating on trying to achieve the right mix of outlets for a centre and, where necessary, changing it.

St Christopher's Place, tucked behind Selfridges off London's Oxford Street, houses 52 shops and restaurants including Whistles, Jigsaw and Nicole Farhi. Friends Provident, the insurance company and site owner, yesterday announced that the day-to-day management of the estate had been passed to Speciality Shops, which already owns or oversees several prime sites in Edinburgh, Leeds, Bishops Stortford,

Labels selling to "middle and upmarket clubland". Three stores have already opened on the site, and Speciality is calculating whether bringing in other operators as tenants in move on could establish the site as a "weekend-wear" landmark.

However, Mr Jaffe stressed that the site assessment was only in its early stages. "There's a lot of face-to-face discussions — we're trying to find out who's trading well and who's under pressure, and what's missing to make the whole thing stronger."



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**Same gift —  
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KLEINWORT BENSON is giving John Major a hand with his speechmaking. Or at least that was the plan when the merchant bank decided to spend thousands of pounds on a silver lectern for Number 10.

But now it looks increasingly likely that the lectern, which will be completed by the end of next year, will be used first by Tony Blair. This will be Kleinwort's first donation to the Prime Minister's tableware, although it has provided advisers to the Labour Party in the past.

The tableware also includes pieces paid for by Rothschild, Robert Fleming, Cazenove, and Morgan Grenfell. Hamilton and Inches, Edinburgh's gilt-edged jewellers, is among the silversmiths in the running for the commission.

**Hyde Park 'sale'**

HOLD on to your crowns — the fishing and grazing rights to The Serpentine and The Meadow in Hyde Park are about to go under the auctioneer's hammer. The Royal Family has agreed to partake in a "mock" auction next week in a bid to find a winner for this year's ISVA National Auction Competition. The four lots were dreamt up by James Cannon of Jones Lang Wootton, who won first prize last year for his sale of Manchester United's football ground. He said: "Hyde Park would lend itself well for use as a farm. There are said to be crayfish in The Serpentine, and 30 acres of standing hay in The Meadow."



"Let's try bingo"

SAFeway has caused some confusion among its customers in a well-to-do area of Nottinghamshire. Those ladies who shop there were all of a twitter when they stepped into their local Safeway. A sophisticated-looking holder had been attached to the trolley at last, somewhere for the mobile phones? No, not quite — a holder for the new self-scanners.

**Penny sharing**  
WITHIN weeks, busy Mark Flawn-Thomas has secured himself a new job and a fiancée. The 42-year-old director of the Waverley Trust, who has been a fund manager with Chartfield Investment Management for the past nine years, has been appointed to run the Waverley Penny Share Fund. He has also just become engaged to the Hon Clare Lowther, Viscount Ullswater's 25-year-old daughter, who was Lady Thatcher's PA for five years.

**Short of a set**

THE battle of the phoneboxes went into another round yesterday, after New World Payphones installed its own version of the traditional red phonebox on Southampton Row. The red phonebox with yellow banding was the cause of much interest as it was put into position in Camden, home to the first ever phonebox in England in 1903. But anyone wanting to use the phonebox will have to wait — until a handset is put in place this afternoon.

MORAG PRESTON



Mark Aspinall, distribution centre manager for N Brown, a Manchester-based business that has made a virtue out of not being glamorous

## High street heavyweights check out home shopping

Traditional mail order specialists are being joined by more innovative operators, says Sarah Cunningham

Even if you do not have the time to go shopping, retailers refuse to give up on you as a lost cause. They are putting a lot of money and effort into making sure that although you may never leave your sitting room, you still spend money on their goods.

Home shopping is growing fast and is very competitive. Although it now accounts for only 5 per cent of all retail sales, it has enough potential to attract the attention of high street heavyweights such as Burton and Marks & Spencer.

Richard Maney, head of Burton's nascent catalogue operations, says: "We think mail order is going to grow faster than the high street and we also see huge possibilities to augment sales in our shops through catalogues."

Burton recently bought Innovations, which sells mainly household gadgets by mail order. Within two years, Burton intends to bring out a catalogue focusing on its strong brands, including Debenhams and Evans.

Even the keenest promoter of home shopping admits that the market will remain restricted because it does not offer the social aspects that most people enjoy in going out to the shops, nor the fun of looking, touching and trying on. In spite of that most mail order sales are of clothes and Mr Maney and others argue that if quality, service and delivery are good enough, home shopping has plenty to scope to expand.

The traditional specialists — Littlewoods, Freemans, Empire and Great Universal Stores — have been joined by smaller, innovative operators such as Next Directory, Land's End, Racing Green and Co-

ton Traders. And in spite of the high costs of setting up operations, others are expected to enter the market.

Marks & Spencer is studying a move into clothes home shopping and may launch a catalogue next spring. The company, which already runs a few limited mail order operations, says this is pure speculation, but admits it has had a team working on a project for some months.

The thought of Marks & Spencer entering the clothes mail order market is enough to keep the bosses of established catalogue companies awake at night — and it has already accelerated the pace of change in the industry.

The company where change should be most evident in the coming months is GUS, which is not only the largest mail order company in the UK but also has a market share almost twice that of its nearest rival. The changes will be instigated by Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman of Next, who is in the process of taking over as chairman of GUS from his cousin, Lord Wolfson of Marylebone.

The younger Lord Wolfson shares with David Jones, the Next chief executive, much of the credit for the revival of the fortunes of the company during the Nineties and particularly the successful development of Next Directory.

So far, Next is the only high street chain to run a major parallel catalogue business and Mr Maney at Burton said he had been studying it carefully. In the wake of its success, Next

is facing increased competition from operations such as La Redoute, the French mail order giant, that has bought Empire and offers through the English version of its own catalogue some stylish French designer clothes.

GUS is a different creature to Next. The company, which has been run with extreme conservatism and has stacked up a cash pile of more than £1 billion, owns Scotch House and Burberry, but its main business is agency catalogues.

Under the system traditionally used by GUS and other big catalogue operators, individuals are recruited to act as agents in their local areas. They show the 1,000-plus page catalogues to friends and family



Julia Carling, TV presenter, promotes Index Extra

and order goods on their behalf. The company pays the agents commission and, in return for easy credit and weekly payments, premium prices are charged for goods.

Social changes mean that agency is in decline. Last year was not good for any of the agency operators and GUS came out as the biggest loser.

Analysts hope the younger Lord Wolfson will begin focusing GUS's catalogues on target sets of customers and accelerate the move into the direct mail order. Direct mail order has been shown to work at Next Directory and, at the opposite end of the market, at N Brown, a Manchester-based business that has made a virtue out of not being glamorous. Its specialty is selling clothes to middle-aged and elderly women and it supplies sizes up to a generous 34.

**B**y concentrating on niche markets that are not well served by high street retailers and are well suited to mail order, N Brown has grabbed a quarter of the direct mail order market and last year even joined a bid for the much bigger Littlewoods.

Although its bid was rejected, N Brown still harbours ambitions to expand and it is well respected within the industry. The company also has an advantage in that its target market is growing: more than a third of the population will be over 50 by the year 2002.

Littlewoods, like GUS, is trying to move more of its business into direct mail

order, but it is a difficult trick to manage. According to Ray Bowden and Ashley Thomas, retailing analysts as Robert Fleming: "It is proving difficult for the agency companies to run the two types of activity in parallel (different accounting systems, different catalogues, undermining existing agents and withdrawing agents' commissions). Meanwhile, end-customers of the agents are drifting to the direct companies who are busy locking them into their databases."

Although much hyped, electronic shopping has had little impact so far on the catalogue business. To date, sales from the Internet and from television shopping channels have been small and account for only about 0.6 per cent of the home shopping market. Verdict research shows:

According to Jim Martin, chief executive of N Brown, the big development will arrive with interactive television, which should be free of the fiddly technology that deters most customers from using the Internet or other computer-based systems.

The advantage of user-friendly TV technology when it arrives will be that it will allow retailers to find out even more about their customers. They already go to great lengths to glean as much information as possible so that they can tailor what they offer to suit your exact tastes.

The payoff for choosing to stay in your living room and shop from a direct mail catalogue regularly is that the company that publishes it probably knows not just your favourite colour, but also your spouse's favourite colour, the ages of your children, and even whether you have put on weight.

## Is EMU going to be able to shrug off the Fiat factor?

The conversion of Cesare Romiti, the president of Fiat, to the Augustinian approach to EMU — "make me virtuous, but not yet" — has not disturbed the holiday calm of the foreign exchange markets. Who cares about Italy, after all? No one expected it to join in the first round. The core (which really means Germany and France) is what matters; and the markets appear to assume that the unexpectedly large cut in German interest rates has saved the cause. But this could be much too facile. Signor Romiti can hardly be dismissed as a prejudiced outsider; and his message, that the drive for EMU is a major cause of high unemployment on the Continent, is hardly even controversial.

French voters, especially, will feel that he speaks for them, and may want to drive that message home on the streets.

The exchange market does recognise this. Analysis discloses France's problems at length, and the German cut has done virtually nothing to help the French franc (which the French hopefully suppose was the main point of it); the franc is still hovering just above ERM crisis level. Only the bond market still backs EMU unreservedly. It has been trading for more than a year on the assumption that Herr Kohl will see that EMU succeeds at length, and the German cut remains a formidable fact; and in any case, German policymakers seem much more worried by the excessive potential strength of the mark than EMU is derailed by any prospective weakness of the Euro.

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Everyone recognises that it is now virtually impossible for France — and very possibly for Germany, too — to meet the Maastricht criteria on time. What the bond market is backing is a fudge, relying on the wording of the treaty. But how much fudge can the markets stomach? It is all very well to talk of "satisfactory trends", but the French deficit shows no trend at all: it is stuck. And how long can M Juncker persist with his trend-bending



ANTHONY HARRIS

## DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS

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In accordance with the standard conditions relating to the payment of the dividends declared on 30 July 1996, payments from the office of the United Kingdom Registrar will be made in United Kingdom currency at the rate of exchange of R7 072.60 South African currency to £1 United Kingdom currency, this being the first available rate of exchange for remittances between the Republic of South Africa and the United Kingdom on 20 August 1996, as advised by the companies' South African bankers.

The United Kingdom currency equivalents of the dividends are therefore as follows:

Name of Company	Dividends	Amount per share (pence)
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## Responsibility of auditors still not clear despite Caparo case judgment

From Mr James A. Leek

Mr May the eponymous victim who brought and paid for the Caparo legal action have a word?

I, institutional investors and analysts will be disappointed to hear that in the view of Professor Myddleton (Business Letters, August 20) say: "Hence modern emphasis on 'decision-usefulness' as the primary purpose of accounts is misguided." Combined with the Lord Oliver statement in the Caparo judgment that: "For my part, however, I can see nothing in the statutory duties of a company's auditor to suggest that they were intended by Parliament to protect the interests of investors . . ." this clearly means that UK audited accounts are to be of no value to investment decision-making.

It is perhaps encouraging that the US and some European countries are giving investors in their markets some rights to rely on audited accounts for making their investment judgments.

Let the market for capital decide who is to be right on this matter.

Yours faithfully,  
DUNCAN ALEXANDER,  
Gillbridge,  
Gillbridge Lane,  
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East Sussex.

Added sweetener for B&B investors

From Anthony Kilvert

Sir, I cannot imagine what calculations were made by participants in the recent MORI survey taken on behalf of the Bradford & Bingley (*The Times*, August 14).

If an investor had £10,000 at a "generous savings rate" of say 5 per cent clear of tax it would take 30 years to achieve extra interest equivalent to the quoted £1,500 merger/conversion windfall over and above a lower rate of say 4.5 per cent

clear of tax with another building society.

At the end of the 30 years an investor voting for conversion could still have his £1,500 plus the added bonus of £2,025 in interest for the 30 years on his £1,500.

Or are we seeing the end of the era of financial greed?  
Yours faithfully,  
ANTHONY KILVERT,  
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High Lane,  
Stockport.

tab for their failure to run their business effectively.

Your readers should be warned at how slapdash the insurance companies are becoming with our money. A recent buildings claim of mine was settled with the appointed assessors failing even to check the damage. This time it was Eagle Star.

It is surely time for the general public to protest at being unpaid staff trainers. We pay for service, why should we pay for disservice.

Yours faithfully,

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49 South Molton Street, WI.

Because of the delays resulting from the postal strike it would be useful where possible, where

persons intended for publication could be faxed to 0171-782 5112.

## Own your own?

From Mr Aidan Lyons

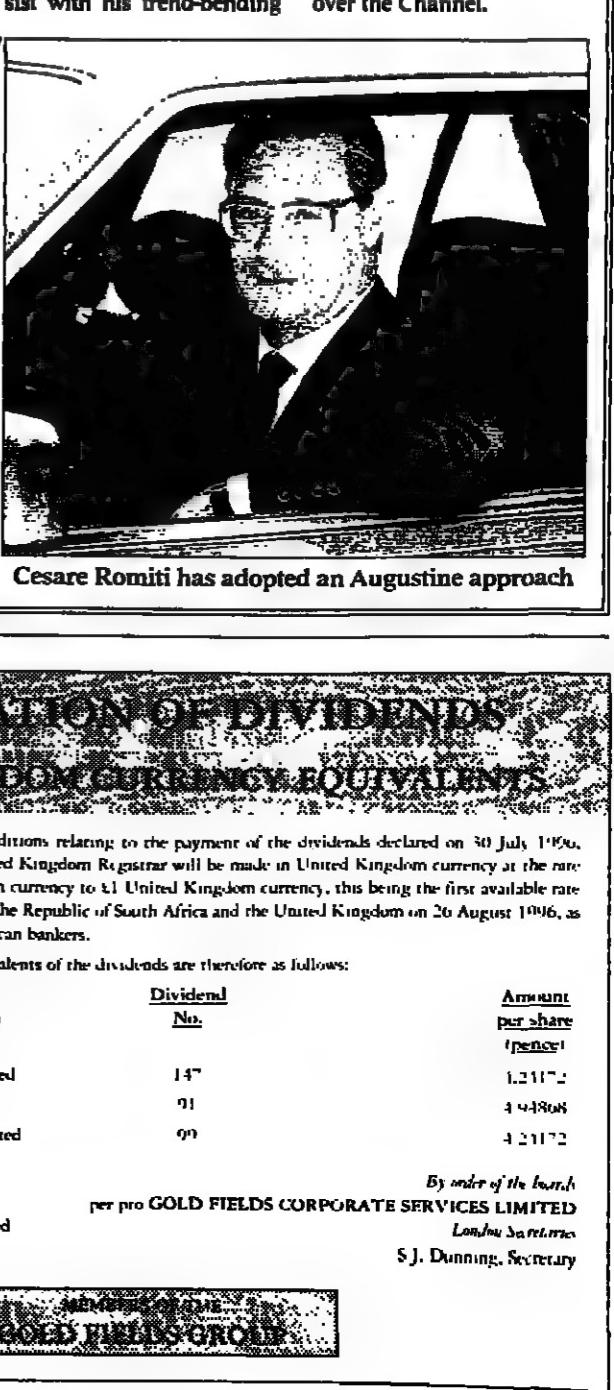
Sir, With reference to Jonathan Pryn's article on the company car (August 21) and the general reluctance to give them up, I wish to draw users' attention to the fact that whilst they presently bear a heavy tax burden for this perk as if it was "income", in most cases they are unlikely to qualify for pension rights nor redundancy payments on this notional "income". Like Archie Norman to "own your own" may well be a better financial option in the long term.

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■ EDINBURGH  
At the Traverse the parade of new plays continues with *Entertaining Angels*, about a broken family



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... and *Viper's Opium*, which traces the start of a relationship that ripens quickly from the platonic

## THE TIMES ARTS



■ EDINBURGH  
Fans of Richard Strauss enjoy a fascinating reconstruction of an early film of *Der Rosenkavalier*

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A Tuscan stunner? Bertolucci's latest movie, *Stealing Beauty*, is reviewed by Geoff Brown



Grant Gillespie, Astrid Azurdia, Alicia Hood, Karl Pittom, Lucy McLellan, Gabriel Quigley and Timothy Webster in *Entertaining Angels*

## Subtlety in the shadows

**W**hen I was very young, I read a story in a comic about a hero whose magic candle, when lit, spread darkness. This memorably impossible image came back to me during *Here Lies Heavy*, which introduces an extraordinary lighting effect about 20 minutes into the show.

Daniel MacIvor, co-creator and gawky, seemingly uneasy performer, is standing as he often does centre stage, kidding us about his life. Sometimes he has been fully lit, standing in a large square, but now the darkness has crept inwards and only the upper part of his body is clearly visible. And what is surely a pale shadow appears at his feet — the outline of his body apparently made of light, spreading out across the darkness like something painted by

THEATRE: A trick and a treat, sorry angels and spiritual confusion — three plays at the Traverse



her alarm-clock earrings — on the way to its target, our unavoidable, unwelcome death. MacIvor's performance, deceptively casual, is as strong and elegant as tempered steel. The production won a Fringe first.

The next two shows won

praise and awards elsewhere but proved a disappointment. In *LookOut Theatre's Entertaining Angels*, by Nicola McCartney and Lucy McLellan, a more than averagely dysfunctional family is suffering the consequence of the mother's departure from Liverpool for Ireland 15 years earlier. She was Catholic, her husband communist. One daughter hears loud exhalations that may presage supernatural visions, the other daughter is anorexic. The wayward son, believing his mother dead, beats up the cousin who brings news. The writing ranges between the simplistic and the vague, and characters pour out their lives at the drop of a question. None of the

actors forget their lines but one in particular (the father) never becomes credible.

The Spirit (Voyager Productions) arranges six of Joe Pintauro's short plays around three others that show a man's illness, his death from AIDS and a visit to his surviving lover by the dead man's father. Two priests try to catch birds that have flown into their church; a troubled dude, well played by Tom Gottlieb, can't keep an erection with a woman he loves. Guilt, remorse, the death of Pablo Neruda: moments and performances are affecting, and Matt Tauber makes good use of white gaze to separate scenes. But Pintauro's glancing approach to his material is over-subtle and the gathering of this particular group of plays lacks logic.

JEREMY KINGSTON

## Celluloid wears better than plastic on stage

WHETHER it was by chance or good planning, much of Saturday in Edinburgh was devoted to Strauss and Schoenberg, and the juxtaposition of *Der Rosenkavalier* (1911) and *Pierrot Lunaire* (1912) said a lot about the various roads music has travelled this century.

It was not Strauss's opera, but Robert Wiene's 1926 film that was given two showings at the Festival Theatre. Strauss needed a lot of persuading to have any part of the project, and was plainly in it for the money: he cobbled together goblets of the opera for full orchestra to accompany Holzmanthal's revised screenplay, filling in the gaps with earlier occasional pieces.

Scholars have found no evidence of his having any hand in the chamber version of the score, which was of course much more widely used, and indeed played by Ensemble 13

under Manfred Reicht last Saturday.

It's not a great film, but of considerable interest to those who know the opera. The Marschallin's absent husband features prominently: there's an epic battle for him to win before he rides back to see what his wife is up to in Vienna (not a lot, apart from some fiery kisses on the shoulder), and there are some charming locations from Schönbrunn to a humbled country estate in Carinthia for Ochs. Ironically enough, acting honours are decisively taken by the singer Michael Bohm, a famous Ochs of the day. Huguette Duflos does heavy-breathing and flutters her eyelashes attractively as the Marschallin; Jacqueline Catelain, the male Octavian, seems most at ease when disguised as Mariandl.

*Pierrot Lunaire* is a staging from the Teatro Stabile di Parma. Maddalena Crippa has every

fullest version to be shown in recent years, but it is still without the ending: the Field Marshall glowers at the *fête champêtre* that replaces the seedy inn of the opera; and there it breaks off, with about 15 minutes still to go.

But Heller has examined cue sheets and rehearsal scores, and this enabled Reicht and his lively players to demonstrate that Strauss took his cobbling seriously: it all fits together neatly. A fascinating afternoon.

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## Even the simple is hard

GYÖRGY KURTÁG was all the more welcome in the Usher Hall in that the previous 13 concerts at the Edinburgh Festival had been devoted to nothing but Viennese music, and the next 13 would be devoted to much the same thing.

Happily, Kurtág's background is quite different. As the opening series of piano solos and duets clearly indicated, his roots grow directly out of Bartók and the Hungarian tradition. Consisting of 16 little pieces selected from his hundred or so *Járek* (or "Games"), mixed with a little Bach arranged for four hands and performed by the composer with Marta Kurtág, it was as convincing a demonstration as any of the kinship of brevity and wit.

Husband-and-wife domesticity must be considered fair game for a public concert: remedial privacy might not be. Certainly, there is some-

thing — perfect German, a wide range of tone colour — for Schoenberg's *Some Like It Hot*.

Tireless work by Berndt Heller in the film archives of Prague, Vienna, London and Berlin has produced the

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This artificial sound picture was not

put it mildly, quite what

Schoenberg had in mind.

The second part was devoted

to Italian popular songs from the inter-

war years, in which Crippa proved to

be the Elisabeth Schwarzkopf of

shantozies: not a phrase went by

without having something "done" to it

— rhythm, melody, text, all were

submerged in "art".

What these innocent numbers had

done to deserve to be trampled to

death so brutally, I know not. A

dispiriting evening.

RODNEY MILNES

paniment most effectively offset the sophistication of the main item in the concert.

Notorious for its difficulty since its partial first performance at the Holland Festival last year, *Songs of Despair and Sorrow* for double chorus and instrumental ensemble is a challenging and masterful work. Wisely, having assembled and rehearsed the Edinburgh Festival Singers specifically for this first complete performance, David Jones conducted it twice in the one concert.

The first impression was how bleak was the reflection of the melancholy of the Russian texts.

The second was how beautiful the choral sound was, and how apt the colouring of accordions and harmoniums and the miscellaneous strings, brass and percussion of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

Finally, how do you react to horror in the theatre? The audience for *Hoover Bag* by Anthony Neilson (10pm) will, with per-

mission, be monitored for cardiovascular fluctuations.

KIRKCALDY

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Theatre Boyd

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• TWO tickets for the price of one (normally £11) for George Eliot's *Silas Marner*. Tel 01352 75114

man (Mark Pinkosh's Curtis) and an earthy, sexually open but also shaky woman (Kathryn Howden's Cricket). Both are reformed alcoholics on the wrong side of the tracks in Tinsel Town. Howden and Pinkosh are a comic duo and a touching couple: she huxom and big-mouthed with a touch of Miss Piggy, he skinny, nervy and staring. Their romance is too cute at times but is sexily choreographed and beautifully observed as Curtis struggles desperately against his desire to touch Cricket. Pinkosh, although teetering on mannered theatricality, is absorbing, punctuating monologues with sinuous fingers. Hamilton, when not waxing poetic, has a sharp ear for the articulations of manic talkers.

KATE BASSETT



Cricket (Kathryn Howden) and Curtis (Mark Pinkosh) become more than just good friends in *Viper's Opium*

## Stars are born



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IN 1956 the actor, director and schoolmaster Michael Croft and a small band of pupils from Alleyn's School mounted a production of *Henry V* in London's East End — and the seeds of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain were sown. Since then, NYT has given a start to many now-established actors, including Lewis, Helen Mirren and Judi Dench. Club members can join in the forty-fifth anniversary celebrations, saving money on tickets for three shows in the London season:

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# Coming up roses, if Labour wins

Rachel Kelly reports on the influence that a change of government could have on the property market

**T**he inquiries have begun. The grander estate agents are fielding calls from British buyers for whom the prospect of a Labour government is prompting them to think of moving to Monaco or the Channel Islands.

Patrick Diring, of Knight Frank, says: "We suddenly seem to have received many more inquiries for tax-haven properties. Many people believe that a Labour government might raise taxes for the wealthy, and they want to move before their money is taxed any further." The view is that it takes a year for people to rearrange their affairs.

Last December, Britain's largest landowners met at Blenheim Palace to discuss taxes under Labour. The meeting, jointly organised by Coopers & Lybrand, suggested that there might be a case for "bringing forward any plans you may have for becoming non-resident".

But what would Labour mean for the property market more generally? After all, fleeing is only for the very rich. Jersey, for example, insists that new buyers have minimum assets of between £10 and £12 million and a guaranteed annual income that will ensure tax payments of between £180,000 and £300,000. Other tax havens effectively limit new residents by the prohibitive cost of property.

The answer is that the future of property lies in the future of the economy more generally. Whatever Labour's specific housing policies, none matter unless the wider economic framework is successful. And the great unknown in the economic boiling pot of interest rates, exchange rates and public finances is fiscal policy. Labour still refuses to be drawn on taxes.

Gary Marsh, a spokesman for the Halifax Building Society, says: "It's in the macroeconomic sphere that we'll see if new Labour really is new. There are two real driving forces behind the housing market: personal disposable incomes and interest rates. If either party wanted to raise interest rates or income tax, it would certainly have a detrimental effect on the housing market."

Lorna Vestey, of Knight Frank, agrees that a rise in tax rates would be the single most detrimental action Labour could take. Yolande Barnes, head of residential research at Savills, feels Labour is reluctant to raise income tax levels in the first term, though it might create a higher rate tax band of 50 per cent.

As for interest rates, the likelihood is that Labour's policy would be similar to current Government policy, Ms Barnes says. "I don't think Labour would want to put interest rates up, but it is all a matter of how the markets react to them. If sterling strengthens after a Labour victory, because of Labour's commitment to the European monetary union, then there may even be scope to reduce interest rates. But other economic forecasters believe

that interest rates may have to rise to contain inflationary pressures in the market, regardless of who is in power."

As for particular housing policies, the differences between the two parties have shrunk. Mr Marsh says: "I can no longer see any clear blue water between the Tories and Labour." Labour, for example, would keep mortgage interest relief at source (Miras),

previously a target, at its present levels. This is a year in which Labour has been making strenuous efforts to reinvent itself as the homeowner's party, while the Conservative record as the party of home ownership has become tarnished.

In the late 1980s the "homeowning democracy" was seen as one of the greatest achievements of the Thatcher revolution.

But the property bubble has burst, and Tony Blair can now brand the Tories as the party of "negative equity, repossession, broken dreams and falling house values".

As James Barty, economist with Morgan Grenfell, says: "It seems unlikely that a Labour government would be as pro-home ownership as a Conservative government, but on the other hand the Tories have recently been curtailing their tax

incentives for homeowners." Both Miras and income support for unemployed homeowners have been hit by the Tories. There is little to choose between them.

In terms of particular policies, Labour has unveiled a number of schemes to help homeowners and tenants. This seems to be the focus of its activities, rather than stimulating the market through reducing stamp duty, for example.

Nick Raynsford, Labour's housing spokesman and former head of Shelter which campaigns for the homeless, promised last year to sweep away many of the legal restrictions which make it difficult for landlords to sell freeholds to lessees. Labour would defend leaseholders against the sort of estate management schemes that have caused controversy in Kensington, Belgravia and Mayfair.

Mr Raynsford has also resolved to help an estimated 1.7 million mortgage-holders facing repayment difficulties and to introduce better safeguards to entice potential first-time buyers. He would encourage changes in the type of mortgage so that repayments could be more flexible, as well as more effective private mortgage insurance packages to compensate for the abolition of the income support safety net for new borrowers.

More generally, Labour has said it would aim to reduce bed-and-breakfast accommodation by freezing up an estimated £4.5 billion of capital receipts to encourage local councils, in partnership with industry, to regenerate urban wastelands. Such action could really help the market, Mr Barty says.

Not all of Labour's proposals have passed without alarm. It is likely that redirecting capital receipts would undermine the ability of some wealthier boroughs and shires to keep council tax bills down. Mr Raynsford has admitted that there might have to be a "modest" rise in tax in some areas.

**L**abour might change the rules on foreign ownership. Overseas investors could lose the exemption on paying tax in Britain on their worldwide income.

"Obviously," Ms Vestey says, "if either party showed an interest in penalising overseas owners of UK property for investing in this country then this would undoubtedly have a detrimental effect, dealing a major blow to the recently regained confidence in the market."

Labour is opposed to the trend towards "private" housing developments, in which the roads are closed to the general public and security is a top priority. Instead, they wish for mixed private and public sector developments.

Whatever Labour's housing and economic policies, governments can influence housing markets only up to a point. Ms Barnes says:

"Governments might like to think that they control housing markets, and yes, a specific policy such as Nigel Lawson's decision to abolish double Miras in 1988 can have a great impact, but in general markets are overwhelmingly decided by factors other than government policy. Supply and demand will determine the market whatever the colour of the party in power."

Demand has been building steadily in the market for the past seven years. There is pressure from the number of new households needed. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has said that Britain will need an extra 4.4 million houses over the next 20 years. Pressure is building too from the lack of the right type of property in the right place and of the right quality. That alone will ensure a healthy housing market in the next few years, but that, as they say, is another story.



Guernsey: Fort Saumarez, on the west coast of the island, has three acres of gardens and terraces and direct access to the beach and jetty. It is on sale for £690,000.



Ireland: the minstrels' gallery in the banqueting hall at Ballye Castle, near Cork

A Georgian folly in Somerset is looking forward to better days

## Temple of Pan seeks a careful owner

**A** folly in what was once one of England's finest Georgian landscape gardens is up for auction.

The Baillie's House at Patcombe, Somerset, was identified by Gervase Jackson-Stops as the Temple of Pan in an article in *Country Life* in February 1989. The folly was designed in 1771 by the architect John Johnson for the Halswell House estate. The small pink-brick classical temple in the Quantock Hills is fronted with a curved stone portico of Doric columns. With a guide price of £50,000, the temple is being sold with planning permission to be converted into a house.

The folly is in an "absolutely terrible state", says Peter Beacham, an English Heritage inspector of historic buildings. It is a gloomy sight. The roof has caved in, the windows stand empty of glass and frame, and ivy overruns the building. Farm outhouses are huddled against the back of the temple, and overgrown grass surrounds the portico.

The folly is owned by a local farmer as part of Patcombe Farm. Even after pressure from Somerset County Council, he was unable to restore the building, so he and the council came to a compromise.

The temple will be offered for sale with planning permission to build a large extension to provide a large enough to interest prospective buyers. The planning permission allows only for strictly limited development, which should involve restoring the folly.

The Temple of Pan was one of the last of a series of 11 follies added to the Halswell estate in the second half of the 18th century. It was part of Sir Charles Kermey-Tyne's transformation of his family estate. Where there had been formal gardens, he created a landscaped Georgian pleasure garden and park.

The estate has been split up since Lord Wharton, Kermey-Tyne's last male descendant, sold Halswell at the end of the Second World War. The grounds housing the Temple

is let as flats, while Sir Halswell Tyne's 1689 North Range is standing empty.

The council would have preferred the Somerset Buildings Preservation Trust (SBPT) to have taken on the Temple of Pan. The Trust has already bought two of the estate's follies. The Temple of Harmony, designed by Thomas Prowse with an interior by Robert Adam, has been restored and opened to the public. The SBPT plans to do the same with the Robin Hood House, and has created the Halswell Park Trust to maintain both follies. But the two local trusts have limited funds and are concentrating their efforts on purchasing the whole of Mill Wood, the old pleasure garden in which the Temple of Harmony stands.

But the Halswell Park Trust is not happy with the planned extension to the Temple of Pan. Hugh Stafford, the trust's secretary, says it is "just about acceptable as a compromise, but only just". Mr Beacham points out that historically there was another building attached to the rear of the temple. But Mr Stafford counters that its absence today proves that it was poorly constructed and therefore not part of the original structure.

**H**e hopes that the property will not reach its reserve at auction. He says that the Landmark Trust has expressed interest in the temple, but is unable to pay the sort of price it could fetch at auction. Landmark, which restores historic buildings as holiday homes, has a policy of not hindering buildings, and would be unlikely to extend the temple.

Mr Stafford thinks there is a good chance no one will want to tackle the expensive development plans, but R B Taylor and Sons of Yeovil, the estate agents, say they have already had "a lot of inquiries".

**JUSTIN HUGGLER**

● The Temple of Pan at Patcombe Farm, Broomfield, near Taunton goes on sale by public auction at The Walnut Tree Hotel, North Petherton, on Wednesday, September 18 at 7.30pm. Guide price £50,000-£70,000.



The Temple of Pan: the folly has planning permission to build a large extension

## Havens from rising taxes

**T**HERE is no shortage of expensive properties for wealthy people worried about possible political change. *Conal Walsh writes.*

In Guernsey, Knight Frank is asking £690,000 for Fort Saumarez, a property of historical interest on the west coast of the island. It adjoins the Martello Tower (built during the Napoleonic wars) and is fortified with gun emplacements set into the headland. The house has three reception rooms, two bedrooms, an annexe with a further four bedrooms, and three acres of gardens and terraces, with direct access to the beach and jetty.

Mainland buyers are restricted to buying homes on Guernsey's "open market", where prices can be double those on the "local market" from which islanders buy. But there is nothing on Guernsey to compare with the £10 million assets required to qualify for residence on Jersey. And Guernsey offers the same tax breaks: a 20 per cent rate on taxable incomes, and no VAT, capital gains tax, death duties or inheritance tax.

And remember, it was Jersey, not Jersey, that Victor Hugo called his *Ille Bleue*: low unemployment, low crime rates, a sunnier climate than the

mainland... small wonder the island acts as a magnet for those who can afford it. St Peter Port's marinas typically play host to 10,000 foreign yachts a year.

More famous as a haven for the international jet set is Monaco. The tiny principality on the Côte d'Azur will not tax private incomes and supplies its "exiles" with an army of lawyers, bankers and accountants.

Hampshire is selling the master flat of 21 Avenue Princesse Grace, which overlooks the beaches of Monte Carlo. Two reception rooms, four bedrooms, a large dining room, plus a garage, for £50 million (£6 million).

Ballye Castle in County Cork is rather a different proposition. Those who made their fortune in the entertainment industries might like to ask if the Irish authorities would classify them as "artists" — if so, they will not be taxed on their artistic earnings. The asking price for the medieval castle is £1 million, which includes baronial and banqueting halls, drawing room, dining room, utility room, study, chapel, a guest wing, ambassador suite and five double bedrooms, stables, gardens and 50 acres of land. The castle is ten miles from Cork city. ● Contact: Knight Frank 0171-639 8171. Hampshire's 0171-824 8822.

## Slow sellers in the bargain bin

**J**ustin Huggler on how agents may be open to offers for houses unsold after more than a year

**T**here are houses which the estate agents, amazingly, keep quiet about. Their owners, in theory, should succumb to a little rough bargaining. For in a new occasional column, *The Times* is highlighting property which has been on the market for at least a year. Some of the houses have fallen in price. Even those houses untouched by price cuts may yield to a good offer.

The 15th-century Netherby Hall, near Carlisle, was originally a fortified tower house built to withstand border attacks. It appears in Sir Walter Scott's *Marmion*, and boasts a dramatic three-storey entrance tower with a carved stone knight and coat of arms.

The house was put on the market in late 1993 through the agent Jackson-Stops and Staff. After prolonged negotiations a sale was agreed in November last year, only to fall through. The agent re-launched the property in June, but still at the original guide price of £850,000. The new incentive on offer is that planning permission is being sought to convert the hall into 15 flats.

Testcombe, in Chilbolton, Hampshire, has been available for a year. Though it has failed to sell, Knight Frank is asking £1.2 million. The second lot features Testcombe Cottage, a much smaller house. It covers a total of seven-and-a-half acres, and includes 545 yards of fishing on the Test and its tributaries. The price is £500,000.

The third lot is land with fishing rights. No building

stands on the one-and-a-half acres known as The Broad. It contains 225 yards of fishing and is available for £75,000-£100,000.

Bargain hunters would do better to head north of the Scottish border. Prices there have fallen dramatically on some unsold properties.

Meadow Bank House is a long-running non-seller whose price has been reduced. The elegant Georgian neoclassical mansion in Dumfries and Galloway stands tall and imposing in its own ten-acre park near the Solway Firth.

The ten-bedroom house was available for three years without selling. Eighteen months ago the guide price fell from £230,000 to £200,000, through Savills. Meadow Bank is under offer.

But offers now often fall through, as Arabella House proves. Arabella, at Tain, in the Easter Ross, was built in the 17th century. Hugh Rose, who bought it in 1795, named it after his young wife. She was subsequently murdered on a nearby beach by a rival lover. The place is for sale with a print of her portrait.

Jamie MacNab, from Savills, describes Arabella as the prettiest house on his books. Red Virginia creepers cover the pink-washed house.

A curved bay with battlements in the baronial style adorns one facade.

But Arabella has been on



Netherby Hall, near Carlisle, is for sale at £850,000

Offers have been accepted three times, only for the buyer to pull out, on one occasion because of losses in the Lloyd's crash. In spite of its longevity in the property pages, the guide price has not been reduced, and is still £225,000.

● Buyers can contact Jackson-Stops and Staff about Netherby on 0171-589 4530; Knight Frank about Testcombe on 0171-629 8171 and Savills' Scottish office about Meadow Bank and Arabella on 0131-226 0961.



Testcombe, Hampshire, is for sale as a whole estate or can be divided into three lots

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RACING: BAHHARE FACES STERN EXAMINATION OF CLASSIC CREDENTIALS IN CHAMPAGNE STAKES AT DONCASTER

# Indiscreet plan promises absorbing contest

By JULIAN MUSCAT

**T**HE David Loder-trained Indiscreet, backed down to second favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas with Coral, is expected to cross swords with Bahhare, ante-post favourite for the same classic in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster on September 13.

A meeting between the two colts would almost certainly identify the winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas after Zamindar's eclipse at Deauville ten days ago. Zamindar had previously cornered the market, but his defeat prompted Coral to extend his odds to 14-1. That price has since been taken and the full-brother to Zafonic now shares second favouritism with Loder's juvenile.

Indiscreet broke the juvenile track record when making a winning debut at York last week. "He has taken that race well," Loder said yesterday, "and it is likely that the Champagne Stakes will be his next test. I thought it was a very impressive performance at York given how little work he'd done and how immature he is."

The Newmarket trainer only elected to run Indiscreet after the colt had moved fluently in a steady workout six days earlier. Indiscreet is from the first crop of St Invincible, the Irish Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner, from a stamina-laden female line. "The horse is bred to stay quite well," Loder said. "I expected him to find it tough over six furlongs at York against some well-regarded

opponents, so it was encouraging to see him do it in such good style — and in a fast time."

Immediately after the race, Coral's offer of 16-1 was the shortest 2,000 Guineas quote. But the firm have since lowered Indiscreet's odds to 12-1 after laying him at that price. "It is difficult to say just how good Indiscreet's performance was," Rob Hartnett, Coral's racecourse representative, said, "but he certainly created a favourable impression. We still have Bahhare as favourite. He is the quiet horse and I rate him at the top of the tree for the time being."

Nap: ROMAN REEL  
(2.50 Brighton)  
Next best: Naisant  
(3.10 Carlisle)

Angus Gold, racing manager to Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, who owns Bahhare, said the John Dunlop-trained colt would head for the Champagne Stakes irrespective of the likely opposition. "Bahhare has enjoyed a short break but the Doncaster race is definitely the target for him," Gold said. "Indiscreet looked very impressive at York and I gather there were a lot of fancied horses in the race. From our point of view, we've got to find out how good our horse is sooner or later."

Gold added that the Sheikh, Dunlop and Willie Carson have until Friday to launch an

appeal against Bint Salsabil's disqualification from first place in the Prix de la Nolette at Deauville on Sunday.

Connections of Bint Shadai, disqualified from second place, have ruled out an official protest but Dunlop and Carson are to examine film of the race before reaching a decision. The race was awarded to Luna Wells, who crossed the line in third place.

Luna Wells is trained by André Fabre, who plans to run Zamindar in the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp on September 15. Fabre was critical of the slow pace dictated by Thierry Jarnet when Zamindar succumbed to Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny last time. Whatever the merits of Fabre's complaint, Loder should know where Indiscreet stands with Zamindar, a possible runner in the Dewhurst Stakes later in the season.

Loder also trains Bahamian Bounty, whose next target is the Middle Park Stakes over six furlongs at Newmarket in October. Another stayer, Abou Zouz, winner of the Gimcrack Stakes last week, now heads for the Tattersalls Sales Stakes over seven furlongs at the same Newmarket meeting.

"One can question whether either colt will stay a mile on pedigree," Loder said, "but both are relaxed individuals who should give themselves every chance. I think seven furlongs is within Abou Zouz's compass so he should have no trouble with the distance of the Tattersalls race."



Bahhare, the 2,000 Guineas favourite, makes an impressive winning debut at the Newmarket July meeting

## Ripon

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CRICKET: PAKISTAN CAPTAIN BELIEVES COUNTY DEMANDS TO BLAME FOR NATIONAL SIDE'S FRAILTY

# England malaise typified by Cork's decline

**T**here was something symbolic about the way it ended. At 5pm on Monday, a long hop, one of innumerable from English hands, was flogged disdainfully for four and the Reader ball, subject of so much debate, vanished under the plastic covering on the Oval boundary. While every other player sprinted from the field ahead of invading hordes of Pakistani followers, Chris Lewis was left to frett for the ball like a schoolboy sent to Coventry.

This was not how it was supposed to be. It did not accord with the midsummer doctrine of David Lloyd, who, mildly annoyed, said before the series began that England had been given insufficient credit for beating India. He also spoke warmly of the renaissance of Lewis. Another series win, he implied, was imminent.

Lloyd's optimism is endearing, but, after a full season as England coach, he may privately be appreciating how the job can turn the most buoyant of men into a tired old cynic. Lewis let him down, just as he has let down a succession of captains and coaches, but he was not alone. Lloyd was let down by a team that could not live up to his ideals. He was let down by English cricket.

If this appears a sweeping generalisation, it is intended to be. England performed modestly, erratically and largely joylessly, because this is how the claustrophobic domestic system decrees they will perform. If the counties, which frame and protect the structure, cannot appreciate how it

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is draining the intensity from England's leading players, and will not listen to the committees and working parties that they so glibly authorise, perhaps they will take heed of the captain of Pakistan.

"You play far too much cricket," Wasim Akram said on Monday evening. "Your players know that. We talk about it on the circuit." This, please note, is delivered not by a man with no perception of the rhythms of English cricket, but by one who has spent seven years with Lancashire and intends returning them next season.

Wasim's solution — "divide the county championship into two divisions and let sides play no more than nine or ten games" — is, sadly, unlikely to occur this side of the millennium. "No human being can play 17 four-day games a year and

still bowl fast," he added with the certainty of one who knows. Anyone inclined to begin a riposte to this with a reference to Alec Bedser, Fred Trueman or anyone else from the age before one-day cricket, should think again. It was a different game, one in which fast bowlers were not expected to field with athleticism or to switch bewilderingly between the codes and limitations of modern cricket. That was then, this is now, and the two cannot be compared.

On Monday, Wasim and his friend, Michael Atherton, the captain of England, referred to Dominic Cork. "They say he's burnt out at 24," Wasim said with more sympathy than surprise. "You have to remember that Corky has played a tremendous amount of cricket in the past 18 months," Atherton said. You have to admit, also, that it is showing.

Inevitably, it was to Cork that England looked first for inspiration in this series. While, for reasons not fully explained, they continued to exclude Darren Gough and gave Andy Caddick only one Test, which brought him six wickets, Cork was the one proven match-winner available to them; but he did not once look capable of seriously influencing a game.

Now, quite properly, the selectors are prepared to think long-term by leaving him at home when the team flies to Zimbabwe in November. He looks a weary cricketer; his action not quite what it was and his approach inclined to a silliness that may kindly be excused by fatigue; but he is a treasure and, with consecutive

series against Australia, West Indies and South Africa starting next summer, he must be revived.

Cork's first ten Tests brought him 45 wickets at an average of 25. In six games this summer, he has taken 22 wickets at an average of 37. He even became a first-change bowler as England employed a different new-ball pairing in each of the three games against Pakistan.

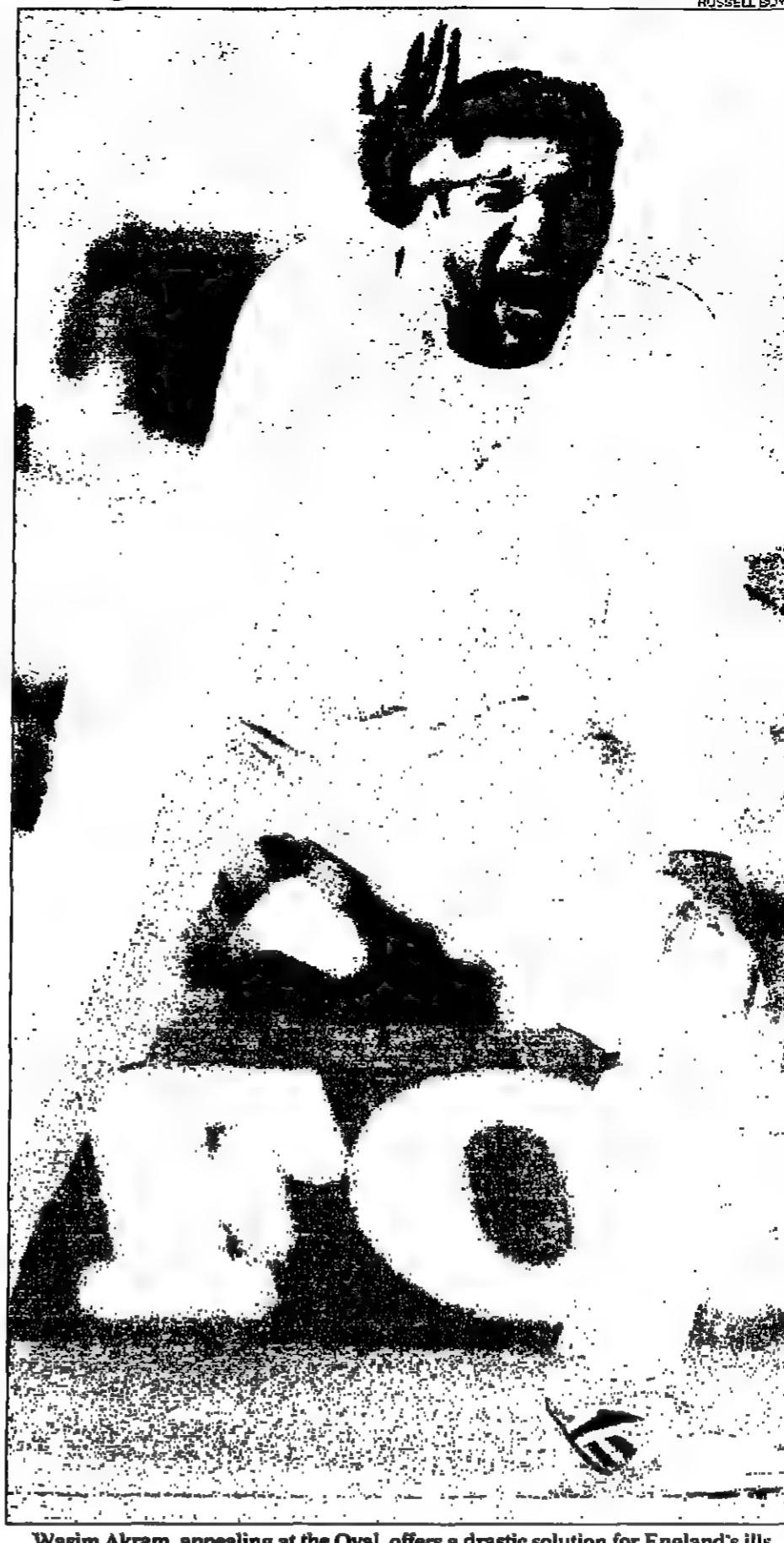
None of them looked the part, and surely Cork and Gough must eventually be reunited, feeding off each other as they did so briefly and promisingly last summer. Caddick, too, has a role. The selectors, however, are generally to be pitied, for to find an English attack capable of disturbing the best of international batsmen is a thankless task.

Hitting the stump is not everything, but it certainly helps, once in a while, and, of all the statistics with which England's performance can be damned, the fact that they dismissed only four Pakistanis bowled, as against 18 totalled by the opposition, makes a stark contrast.

The reasonable theory that England might profit from Pakistan's traditional hot-headedness survived through the opening day of the first Test, England's best of the series. Then it was buried by a team united under Wasim and eager, indeed passionate, to prove itself once again.

They did so triumphantly and cordially. The way this Pakistan side conducted itself was a blessed relief after the petulance and insipidness of the 1992 team, but the way they won was no different. In Wasim, Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed, they possess three match-winning bowlers, more than any other Test team can presently boast. That, rather than by the ball-tampering so spurious and distractingly alleged, was why they won in 1992, and it was why they won again.

To seek a silver lining within England's demise is inevitably to strain credulity. They have, at least, identified six batsmen of some pedigree, and must stick with them, although the manner of the collapse on Monday even made one wonder about this as a genuine gain. Probably, there will be no such thing until the words of Wasim, and so many others, are properly recognised and the welfare of England's international cricketers becomes a priority rather than a nuisance.



Wasim Akram, appealing at the Oval, offers a drastic solution for England's ills

## Improving Cairns overcomes Harris

From COLIN McQUELLEN  
IN HONG KONG

MARK CAIRNS pulled off the shock result of the opening session of the Hong Kong Open championship, defeating Del Harris, the No 6 seed and Super Series champion, 15-12, 7-15, 15-12, in 64 minutes.

Cairns just missed selection for the England squad that lifted the world team title last November, behind Harris and Mark Chaloner. He made the squad for the mixed-sex World Cup in May, but watched from the reserve bench as England were crushed in the final by Australia. "You could say last season was only good in parts," Cairns, 29, from Abingdon, said.

He might have drawn some added satisfaction from Chaloner's 65-minute, 15-11, 17-10, 17-16 failure to survive a typically-abrasive assault from Anthony Hill from Australia, in which the victor drew a conduct warning for verbal abuse. It was Chaloner's narrow victory over Cairns in a US Open quarter-final last year that decided their competition for the last England place.

Cairns now meets Joseph Kneipe of Australia, in the second round tomorrow while Hill goes to another potentially acrimonious clash with Mir Zamir Gul, the Pakistani with whom he was involved in a head-butting incident at the 1994 British Open and a physical encounter in the world team semi-finals.

Cairns, ironically, has improved through the summer by working with Edward Winter and Damon Brown, the physiologists who planned the strength training on which Chaloner based his development last season. Harris, at 27, is on a competitive comeback after a five-month rest because of a lower back problem that developed while he was winning the world team title and the Super Series play-offs last season. The lack of practice showed. "I had nothing in my legs," he said. "I lost in the first round of the British Open in April and two successive first-round losses is not going to do much for my rankings."

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D G Cork . . . . .	3 3 0 0	50 26	11.60	—	—	Shoaib Kabir . . . . .	1 1 0	42 20	11.00	—	—					
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C C Lewis . . . . .	2 2 0 0	18 9	8.00	—	—	Mohammed Aamer . . . . .	1 0 0	0 0	—	—	—					
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D G Cork . . . . .	1 2 0 0	42 18	18.50	—	—	Wasim Akram . . . . .	129 29	350	17 31 31	6-78	2					
A D Mullan . . . . .	150 3 36	377 10	37.00	3-44	—	Shoaib Kabir . . . . .	48 6 173	5	34 60	4-50	—					
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Source: TCCBPA Cricket Record																

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I missed a neat safety play on this hand, from the match between Great Britain and Belgium in the EU championships in April. In this match, I was declarer on the first six boards. What are odds of that, if it is 25% on each board? Answer below.

**Dealer East** Love all IMPs

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# Differing views on grime and punishment

A pair of undercover Brits are discussing an agent-turned-lawyer in a rather good Gavin Lyall thriller. "His clients must know he's ex-CIA, and like it. It suggests good Washington connections, as he said, and a certain fluidity of ethics, as he didn't. Clients do like winning".

Is that why the name of George Graham is associated with every managerial vacancy that comes up in football? True, he has not actually landed a job since he was chucked out of the game and banned for a year for the misdemeanour of taking a cut from transfer dealings, but, every time a manager gets a vote of

confidence, the word goes out that Graham is in line for the job. Latest in the line is Manchester City, whose manager, Alan Ball, "resigned" on Monday. You would have thought that the words: "I thought, Jesus, what a Christmas present", were emblazoned on football's heart.

Yet those words, uttered, according to himself, by Graham when he opened a parcel of lovely, free money, seem to serve as nothing less than a come-on. For, with the fluidity of

'Graham's crime was to be found out'

Manchester City deserve each other, after all, the club traditionally gives its manager all the job security of a snow shoveller.

Talking of Arsenal, crimes, misdemeanors and their forgiveness brings us to Tony Adams and Paul Merson.

Adams, imprisoned for driving while drunk, returned to football to a hero's welcome; Merson, emerging from a

marsh of alcohol, cocaine and betting, received help and support

rather than punishment — and

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

returned to the game a better player. While there is self-interest involved in the rehabilitation of Adams and Merson, and any return of Graham, there is also forgiveness. For all that we might find the offences distasteful, forgiveness is never something to scoff at.

It makes a strange contrast to the vindictiveness with which transgressions are punished in cricket, the gentleman's game. Last week gave us

the banning of Ed Giddins, the county cricketer, who tested positive for cocaine. In stark contrast with the Merson affair, cricket offered neither help nor advice, still less forgiveness.

Giddins was banned for 19 months — effectively, a season — but it should be enough to make sure that he never plays cricket again. The response was hysterical, vindictive, out of proportion. Cricket should be able to do better than playing Pilate, and football

actually does.

On, then, to the vexed figure of Chris Lewis. Nobody, it seems, can forgive a talented athlete with a troubled personality, and this was, perhaps, the definitive Lewis season: a wonderful start, an injury, a desperately disappointing finish. That is Lewis. A difficult man — and he turned up late to the game on Sunday, handing ammunition to all those seething with frustration at his poor showing.

He was dropped for the one-day internationals as a disciplinary measure and, as an added touch of vindictiveness, England have asked Surrey, his county, not to let him play

for them, either. Someone with little to do has been thinking up ways of giving Lewis a really hard time. This is not punishment — this is revenge.

Neither Giddins nor Lewis is innocent of blame, still less a hero. They are both misfits and neither are people that cricket finds easy to understand. So they have been visited with punishments that go beyond the merely heavy-handed.

They betray a determination to take the non-conformist and to isolate him utterly; if possible, permanently. In Lewis's case, it is resentment of the fact that England tried hard and him and found him unable to change his spots. They punish Lewis for their own naivety; that is why the punishment is a trifle vicious.

There are two morals to consider at the end of all this. The first is that, if you plan a career as an erring, or even as a non-conforming, athlete, make sure you play football. It is a more large-souled and tolerant game than cricket. Second, perhaps more important, remember that to err is human, to win divine. In sport, victory forgives almost everything.

**GOLF: QUESTION MARK AGAINST SCOT AFTER FAILURES IN MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## Montgomerie's resilience goes on trial

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FOR Colin Montgomerie, the rest of the season starts now. At the British Masters, which begins at Collingtree Park today, Montgomerie must start to put behind him woeful performances in successive major championships and demonstrate that he has the skill worthy of a man ranked No 2 in the world and the moral fibre to overcome difficulties such as he has hardly known in his life.

Francis Bacon wrote that "prosperity is not without many fears and disasters and adversity is not without comforts and hopes". For Montgomerie, there has never been any shortage of fears and he has demonstrated his taste at his own play, spectators and any number of other issues often enough — and sometimes too often, in fact. Quite what are the comforts and hopes to be experienced in adversity, he has yet to discover.

Since Montgomerie, 33, turned professional in 1987, his career has rocketed so that this season he has the chance to match Peter Oosterhuis's record of four successive wins in the European order of merit. However, after missing the cut in the Open and the US PGA, and now trailing revitalised Ian Woosnam by £51,000 in the order of merit, the game is on for Montgomerie in a way that it has never been before. He has to silence those who are whispering that he may yet be one of those players who, when driven by the highest standards, flatter only to deceive.

Three vignettes suggest that Montgomerie still has to acquire the necessary measure



Montgomerie, Europe's No 1 for the past three years, needs a strong finish to the season to make up for recent disappointments

of self assurance and dogged determination required by champions. After a victory in Germany, it was revealing of the extent of the parent-son relationship that the first telephone call that Montgomerie made was not to his wife or his manager, but to James, his father. Parental influence is not often so great or so necessary in one who has passed 30.

The second vignette came at Hilton Head Island after the Masters last April. Montgomerie, who was concluding a practice round as a private jet rose overhead, became quite animated when he saw to whom it belonged.

"That's Greg's plane," he said. "Look, you can see from the markings. That's incredible." There is no doubt that no other player of similar status would have accorded a rival such a degree of admiration. Can Montgomerie really think himself the equal, or better yet,

the superior, of a man about whom he displays such wide-eyed, almost coltish enthusiasm?

By the same token, it was revealing that week to hear the way that Montgomerie openly admitted that he had been intimidated on a golf course by Nick Faldo. This was an admission one would never hear Severiano Ballesteros

saying. "He still hits the ball at the flag. He is as straight as ever, the straightest in the world."

"I don't see anything different about Colin now," Alastair McLean, who has caddied for Montgomerie since 1991, said. "He still hits the ball at the flag. He is as straight as ever, the straightest in the world."

McLean looked at his watch and said: "Right now is not a good time for Colin. His dad's two hours into a triple bypass operation. That's worrying

make or, for that matter, Greg Norman, despite the evidence from that last round at Augusta.

Montgomerie competed in the pro-am yesterday, saying that he felt that he had been away since the last round of the Scottish Open in mid-August, a neat reference to his poor play in the two major champi-

nships since. The shadow of his father's illness, which caused him to withdraw from the tournament in Germany last week, hung over him.

"He still hits the ball at the flag. He is as straight as ever, the straightest in the world."

him. Perhaps, too, his putting hasn't been quite what it was.

Signs of change in Montgomerie have been evident since the moment he appeared in March for his first tournament of the year some 30lb lighter than when last seen. After the Open he announced that he had to work harder and he intended to spend more time on the practice grounds.

After returning from Valhalla, Kentucky, the venue of the US PGA earlier in the month, Montgomerie abandoned a 20-year association with Bill Ferguson, the former professional at Ilkley who taught him all his life.

"Colin's having a wee rest from Bill," McLean said. "Bill's not complicated. He keeps it simple, but Colin just wants to concentrate on hitting the ball until the end of the year."

It was also noticeable that, among Montgomerie's small

gallery yesterday was Harold Swash, the self-proclaimed putting doctor.

As accurate from tee to green as any player in the world, Montgomerie has lost some of the accuracy on the greens that was once a feature of his play.

He would not go so far as to seek the help of an eye specialist, however, as other leading players have done. "Och," Montgomerie said. "You can worry about these things too much."

Adversity drove Ben Hogan on after his father had committed suicide when he was eight. A desire to right many of the world's wrongs was what made Ballesteros want to conquer the world of golf.

As he faces up to adversity, we shall see what Colin Stuart Montgomerie is made of. It is going to be very interesting watching this man, once a gilded youth if ever there was one, over the coming months.

## Ballesteros offers a lift to Olazábal

BY MEL WEBB

THE half and lame José María Olazábal was offered a Ryder Cup lifeline yesterday by the man who was once a hero, then became a mentor and is now a staunch friend: 20 minutes later along came Europe's No 1 golfer and cleaved through it with one mighty blow.

Olazábal, out of action for more than a year with rheumatoid arthritis in his feet, has improved since discovering that the condition had been exacerbated by a number of allergies, but has still not made a tournament appearance this season.

Ballesteros made it seem an

entirely sensible suggestion.

"Maybe to start with he could play with a buggy, and then he will feel better, and he will end up walking," he said. "I certainly don't have anything against that, although the rules say you can't. I would really like José in the team."

As notions go, it was a remarkably shortlived one, for it was not long before Colin Montgomerie, who, when asked for his opinion on the suggestion, gave it short

shrift. "Never," he said. "I don't think we can start getting into giving people dispensations. I've got thoughts for José María, but we have to have rules for everybody, not just one."

"I do think, though, that, if he comes back in the middle of next year, it is obviously playing well but has not got enough tournaments to qualify, there should be the flexibility to allow for Seve to pick him, and it just isn't there. We don't have the strength in depth that they have, and we can't afford to be without any of our best players."

It almost goes without saying that Montgomerie will be one of the favourites for this tournament, which is being defended by Sam Torrance.

Ian Woosnam, meanwhile,

attempts to consolidate his top position in the money-list — he leads Montgomerie by £50,000. He and the rest of the field in the £650,000 tournament will be faced by Collingtree greens that have been painted green which, when mixed with the sand on them, has turned them blue. Confusing, isn't it?



Woosnam practises yesterday at Collingtree Park

RADIO CHOICE

## Toy ducks: a current issue

The Deep Season: Time and Tide, Radio 4, 8.30pm.

There is a load of old rubbish in Dylan Winter's inquiry. It could not be otherwise because it is about marine garbology, which is a more upmarket way of saying flotsam and jetsam. An army of beachcombers send details of their findings — everything from ice-hockey gloves to snowmobile engine oil bottles — to the oceanographers. They, in turn, chart the changes in ocean currents and draw up maps, the importance of which escapes me for the moment. What I did understand is that, some time around the year 2003, we can expect our shores to be littered with thousands of plastic bath-tub toys: yellow ducks, red beavers, green frogs and hedgehogs that squeak when pressed.

Tales from the Wildside, Radio 4, 8.00pm.

Fergus Keeling's interviews with three wildlife experts carry a secondary title, Mud Lovers. Projected on my mind's eye were pictures of hippos wallowing in Flanders and Swann's glorious mud. Keeling's guests say nothing about enjoying the sloppy brown stuff. The only reference to mud at all comes when an ornithologist talks about digging up estuary mudflats to find out what kind of bird food they contain. His wildlife colleagues are a whale specialist and a gorilla-watcher. The latter provides an antidote to Dian Fossey's romantic view of primates in Gorillas in the Mist. He carries away their faeces for examination.

Peter Daville

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30am Dave Pearce 6.00 Simon Mayo 7.15 Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Morcambe Arena 12.30pm Lisa 'Anson 3.00 Clive Warren 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Festival Lounge, with Johnny Vaughan broadcasting from the Edinburgh Festival 10.00 Andy Kenward 10.45 Sports Roundup 12.30 BBC Earth One-Minute Drama 1.30 Concerts of the Month 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megastar 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Concerto View 6.30 Europe 6.45 Germany 7.00 Songs 8.01 Outside 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Multicar 8.45 Press 10.05 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian (On Screen) 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10am Science View 12.15 Saturday Style 12.30 Multicar 1.30 From Our Own Correspondents 1.30 2.30 Outlines 2.45 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.00 Meridian 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.30am Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Megastar 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Pop Science 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 Business 10.15 Andy Kenward 10.45 Sports Roundup 12.30 BBC Earth One-Minute Drama 1.30 Concerts of the Month 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megastar 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Concerto View 6.30 Europe 6.45 Germany 7.00 Songs 8.01 Outside 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Multicar 8.45 Press 10.05 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian (On Screen) 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10am Science View 12.15 Saturday Style 12.30 Multicar 1.30 From Our Own Correspondents 1.30 2.30 Outlines 2.45 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.00 Meridian 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.30am Sarah Kennedy 7.20 Wake Up and Wiggle 7.45 Debbie Thrower 7.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Helen Sharman 7.00 Ralph McTell 8.00 The Hidden Tradition (2/2) 8.30 Folk in the Footlights (5/5) 9.00 Frank Hennessy's Wales (6/6) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.00 The Jamesons 12.05 Steve Macdonald, incl. Rhod Sharp reports from the Democratic Convention in Chicago

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with Diane Denyer, incl. Interview with Michael Eavis 12.00 Monday with Mel and 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Racecourse on Five, incl. 2.35, 3.10 and 3.45 Racing from York, 4.00 Nationwide, incl. 4.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl. 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night Coverage of today's matches 10.00 News, talk, 10.30 Radio 5 Live on the Radio, with Janice Forsyth 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie Sanders 12.05 After Hours, with John Diamond 2.05 Up All Night, Rhod Sharp reports from the Democratic Convention in Chicago

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Penny Gore. Includes Saint-Saëns' (Carnival of the Animals); Debussy (Clair de Lune); In Autumn; Lalo (Madame Béatrice); Menotti; O oochi, menza, mia, cogli dorate; Debussy, orch. Büsser (Pli de Vé); Rebelo (Lauda Jerusalensis); Michael Haydn (Symphony in B flat, 19);

9.00 Morning Collection, with Carolyn Young, includes Boyce (Symphony in A, Op 2 No 2); Byrd (Mass for four voices); William De Fesch (Flute Concerto in D, Op 5 No 4); Mihailo Le Bouc (Le Beau et le Bœuf); Borodai 11.10 Tschernophin (La Princesse lointaine); Berg (Chamber Concerto).

10.00 Midweek Broadcasts. Presented by Mark Miller, includes Monteverdi (Zefira torna); Schubert, arr. Lszló Sólyom (Szörénye in Autumn); Lalo (Madame Béatrice); Menotti; O oochi, menza, mia, cogli dorate; Debussy, orch. Büsser (Pli de Vé); Rebelo (Lauda Jerusalensis); Michael Haydn (Symphony in F minor, Op 55 No 2); Ravel, in B flat, Op 55 No 2; Brahms, in C minor, Op 55 No 2; Weber (Symphony No 31 in D); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor); 10.00 Michael Mapson, incl. at 11.35 Nocturne 1.00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

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# Such deadly earnest is not life-enhancing

I only read it afterwards, but apparently the makers of last night's American death penalty film *Procedure 769* (Channel 4's *True Stories*) spent two years tracing and persuading all the execution witnesses who appeared in their programme. Well, what a drag. After all that effort, you see, there was no chance they would let us off with a 40-minute snappy sort of film, employing such miraculous tools of the narrative business as reporting, editing, moving along smartly, or cutting to the chase.

No, this was a serious film that defied such tacky conventions. "Capital punishment is an issue which deserves a bit of respect" it said implicitly. Or possibly it was just a case of getting their money's worth out of those elusive witnesses. Either way, it took a very high-handed attitude to the time of busy, tired viewers who might be desperate to pull on those fluffy

jim-jams and hit the hay. Because after 90 minutes devoted to the case of San Quentin's Robert A. Harris (the first person executed in California in 25 years), *Procedure 769* had managed to tell us the bare minimum about his personality or his crime. The laughing killer, he was dubbed by the media, because he swaggered and smiled for cameras. That people in Britain were bored to death by this programme may make him laugh and swagger yet again below the grave.

*Procedure 769* didn't mean to be boring; it meant to be deep. Its title was clearly intended to draw attention to the banality of evil: its method of concentrating purely on the people who watched a man die was supposed to bring it all home. But it was oddly unmoving, perhaps because each of these witnesses — a reporter, a politician, victims' families, friends of the condemned — spoke too much

to have any impact. Still, by the time of the grueling gas-chamber hour finally arrived, you certainly knew enough about each of the witnesses to judge their testimony for yourself. Linda, the white-blond, vengeful sister of a Harris murder victim, ground her axe visibly, with sparks. "He looked like he knew he was finally going to meet Satan," she reported grimly charitable to the last. (Nobody else picked this up.) "He struggled a little," she conceded, remembering his death throes, "but not enough for me."

*Making it snappy* was not an imperative much in evidence last night. I found. Just as the average human starts to get impatient after 17 seconds waiting for a lift (yes, 17 seconds), so we have rigorous internal clocks for films and tell them to move on. In fact I would invoke that Greek bloke with his famous Pro-

## REVIEW

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way through Clive James Postcard from Hong Kong (ITV), and out come those jim-jams willy-nilly. When Clive James's "Postcards" series was on BBC, was it an hour long? On ITV, where the length is either 30 minutes or 60, all subjects must be either stretched on a rack or lopped off at the knee. In fact I would invoke that Greek bloke with his famous Pro-

crates, who chopped and stretched his guests to fit if it wouldn't remind me of jim-jams all over again.

Having said all that, the postcard from Hong Kong was one of the best postcards James has sent us in a while, perhaps because he clearly adored the place, and cared what happened to it. Will China love it too when they take over next year? Or will they (as he brutally pictured the future for Chris Patten) turn it into Tibet? As he inhaled the heady scent of money on every street corner, you could see how much the bulldozer option would disturb him personally. Between gorgeous night shots of the glittering city, the wisecracks flowed, the girth noticeably expanded, the Armani suit dazzled him with their bank balances, and gold crockery glinted in the sunset. However much he pretends in voiceover not to be impressed by rich people ("Inside it was an Aztec

night club"), his behaviour with them says rub-my-tummy from beginning to end. If money could really talk, Clive James would take it out to dinner, no question. He would even make it look good by cracking up at its whimsics.

So he visited Kowloon, the race track, the New Territories, and Patrick Lichfield photographing bathing beauties on a skyscraper roof. But street level brought out the best in him, inevitably. "Ah, dried beetles, barnacles," he mused in voice-over, while examining the contents of a big sack. "I must try them some time. Perhaps after an atomic war." Perusing the seafood on offer at a Kowloon chow stand, he was impressed by its freshness. "Any fresher," he said, "and you'd have to fight it for your life."

Slapstick was kept to a modest minimum on this occasion. For some reason the "postcard" series

always demands W.C. Fields interludes, during which Clive feels compelled to demonstrate his sense of humour by acting the party and falling over. He is not without talent in this area, either.

In Bombay, dressed as a Bollywood extra, he executed one of the funniest surprised-by-death scenes I have ever seen. However, last night he enacted faux-mat sequences in a cocktail bar which was as broad as it was long, in the worst sense of both.

Finally, neither broad, long, deep or indeed demonstrating any dimensions whatever, was the baffling return of the George Cole vehicle *My Good Friend* (ITV), a flat, inert sit-com which makes two hours waiting for the gas chamber seem quite lively by comparison. *My Good Friend* emanates from the same talent as *Men Behaving Badly* and *As Time Goes By*. It just goes to show, doesn't it? You can't trust anybody.

6.00am Business Breakfast (29138)  
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (50409)  
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (257839)

9.20 Do You Want a Snack? (7104312)

9.45 FILM: *Yentl* (1983) Directed, produced, co-written by and starring Barbra Streisand. In 1904 a young Pole disguises herself as a boy in order to get an education in the male-dominated Jewish community. With Mandy Patinkin, Amy Irving (84932138).

12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1221480)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (4491683)

12.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (6239886)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (53596)

1.30 Regional News and weather (42513935)

1.40 Snowy River — The McGregor Saga (s) (8273613) 3.05 Where's the Jack? (7342577) 3.20 Penny Crayon (t) (1313312)

3.30 Ants in Your Pants (t) (s) (7435206)

3.50 The Family News (s) (9636596) 3.55 Chucklevision (t) (s) (7447041) 4.15 Run the Risk (n) (Ceefax) (s) (2683428)

4.35 Cartoon Critters (s) (Ceefax) (1873683) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1530931) 5.10 Byker Grove (t) (Ceefax) (4949461)

5.35 Neighbours (t) (Ceefax) (s) (9636584)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (119)

6.30 Regional news magazines (799)

7.00 Small Talk. Presented by Ronnie Corbett (s) (Ceefax) (2515)

7.30 Mastermind. From Perth City Hall (s) (Ceefax) (683)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses: The Unlucky Winner Is... Del Boy enters one of Rodney's paintings in a competition which wins a week's holiday in Majorca for three people. But when Del, Rodney and his girlfriend Cassandra arrive at the resort, Rodney realises there is a slight catch to Del's free holiday plans (t) (Ceefax) (260409)

8.50 Points of View (Ceefax) (258732)

9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1480)

9.30 The Thin Blue Line. Fowler's strategy for the pub quiz is sabotaged from within when DI Grinn tells his star player, WPC Habib, that her feminine wiles are needed to bait the trap. With Rowan Atkinson (t) (Ceefax) (s) (5041)

10.00 QED: How to Be Happy (Ceefax) (s) (43716)

10.40 BBC Proms 1996. James Naughtie introduces two Mozart piano concertos. No 19 in F and No 22 in E flat, played by Andras Schiff with the English Chamber Orchestra under George Malcolm (s) (4484049)

11.50 The Hollywood Collection (898751)

12.40pm The Vanishing Partridge. Following a conservation project which looks into the decline in the numbers of grey partridges (t) (2681097)

1.00 The Road to the White House 1996: The Democratic Party Convention (7558829)

4.00 Weather (64008542)

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6.00am O U: Modelling Cranes (3340022) 6.25 Dating a Granite (3369157) 6.50 A New Museum in South Kensington (2237515)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6685138)

7.30 Mr Ben (7164503) 7.45 Lassie (1417799) 8.10 Smurfs' Adventures (Ceefax) (5011202) 8.25 Get Your Own Back (t) (Ceefax) (7882765) 9.05 The Bots Master (t) (2572676) 9.25 Smart (Ceefax) (7101225) 9.50 Dilly the Dinosaur (3792140) 10.00 Playdays (s) (7739770) 10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceefax) (2401190) 11.15 The Addams Family (b/w) (Ceefax) (6149206) 11.40 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (Ceefax) (7979391)

12.05pm Danger Theatre (Ceefax) (6459480) 12.30 Postcards from Down Under (t) (461119) 1.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Gram (s) (5548225) 1.15 A-Z of Food (4620022) 1.25 Menus and Music (4552772) 1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (6868863) 2.20 Preserving for the Taste of It (s) (87961848) 2.45 Understanding Cats (t) (4011312)

3.00 News (Ceefax) (1317138) 3.05 Natural World (1471461) 3.55 (Ceefax) (3992409) 4.00 Michael Barry's Choices (Cuts) (5132848)

4.10 FILM: *Deception* (1946) Romantic drama with Belle Davis, Paul Henreid and Claude Rains. Directed by Irving Rapper (bw) (67899799)

5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation: The Naked Now (t) (Ceefax) (s) (321041)

6.45 Carnival 96. Highlights from the Notting Hill Carnival (s) (436732)

7.30 The Business of Rock (Ceefax) (s) (225)

8.00 Wildlife on Two. The true life story of chimpanzees as they go about their daily routines in their forest home (t) (Ceefax) (s) (6577)

8.30 The Fred Dibnah Story: Beginnings (Ceefax) (s) (8312)

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## CHOICE

The Fred Dibnah Story: Beginnings (BBC2 except Northern Ireland), 8.30pm

Just when you thought it was safe to walk past a chimney without it crashing down on you, the Bolton steeplejack is back. Fred is now making public appearances thanks to the 19 films Don Haworth has made of his ups and downs over nearly 20 years. He thinks he may now be in the "twilight of my steeplejacking career" but isn't prepared yet to jettison it in. Highlights from the films have been edited into a six-part biography and tonight we see the eternally cloth-capped one getting his first job — thanks to an eccentric vicar — and smiting his first whiff of fame when he clears a vast inner-city area and brings an almighty chimney down on it. "I've never fell off a big chimney," says Fred almost regrettably. "Reckon I'll die with my boots on."

**Short Stories: Wild About the Bay**

"He thinks he's human — we must get him back to the wild," says the motherly Jean Bryant of a rather menacing-looking crow. "And Flippert is ready to go to sea again," says her husband Alan, struggling gamely to control the slippery, barking seal pup they rescued as an orphan. Although the focus of this charming film is on amateur vet Jean and Alan's ramshackle clinic for damaged wildlife, something darker shadows their village on Cardigan Bay, West Wales. The beautiful bay — a sanctuary for dolphins, seals and rare birds — is rumoured to contain oil and the arrival of rigs seems imminent. The disaster to wildlife from the *Sea Empress* spillage put the Bryants on overtime and the people of the bay on red alert. They are now fighting the oil companies with the determination of characters in an Ealing comedy.

**Height of Courage**

(BBC2, 9.00pm)  
Left over from the BBC's geriatric season and now rescheduled, this is a stunning documentary about one Colonel Norman Vaughan — a Sean Connery lookalike — who, at almost 89, spent 89 days in Antarctica and lived vibrantly — to tell the tale. It's quite a tale, too, for this man in 1928 handled the sled-dogs for Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expedition (archive film shows him at it), won Olympic Gold in the 1932 dog sled event, and in the Second World War commanded an elite rescue team of dog drivers in the Arctic. The film follows Vaughan over two years of demanding physical preparation for and attempt ending in a plane crash until he scales "his" mountain — named Mount Vaughan — and dances in the snow with his equally buoyant wife. His message to the world? "Dream big."

**QED: How to be Happy**

(BBC1, 10.00pm)  
Would you believe a "happiness workshop"? Well, there is one and its purpose is not to hand out anti-depressants, but to analyse the attitudes and thought processes of volunteers who feel they are indeed unhappy — but not in any clinical sense. It's run by Robert Holden, a psychologist, with a little help from the Oxford Happiness Inventory and University of Otago Affectometer (don't ask). The programme charts the progress of three volunteers over the eight-week course — a carer with a very old mother, a private detective, and a one-time sales executive. All feel better, but the question is: that they should be much happier than they are. But how? Well, watch and wonder. At the end of the film they're seen bunched in the sunshine on a punt — sipping champagne.

Elizabeth Cowley

6.00am GMTV (4674480) 9.25 Halley across the Galaxy and Turn Left (t) (Teletext) (s) (7198751) 9.50 The Adventures of Captain Zeebee (t) (Teletext) (s) (5524732) 10.20 Regional News (Teletext) (s) (5849461) 10.30 Sinatra (Teletext) (s) (4028073)

12.20 Regional News (1227654) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (6225583)

12.55 Shortland Street (6200374) 1.25 Coronation Street (6200374) 1.25 Coronation Street (6200374) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (7797138)

2.25 FILM: *Mission: Top Secret* (1990) with Michel Friend, Belinda Buchanan and Miguel Ayensa. Adventure in the Australian Outback with a youngster who stumbles across the headquarters of a secret group who set out to save the world. Concluded tomorrow (9513026)

3.20 News 3.25 Regionals (1323795)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (t) (s) (7516175) 3.40 Wizards (t) (s) (3523480) 3.50 Chatterbox Ponies (s) (3529664) 4.00 Bugs Bunny (t) (1387995) 4.15 Tom & Jerry: The Next Generation (847041) 4.45 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1864935)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (5278799)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (7584611)

6.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (582138)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (11022)

7.00 Sportswear (7

